



COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Promising Start

THE Peking decision to deport four American airmen (they arrived in Hongkong yesterday) leaves about 51 American civilians and servicemen still detained in Communist China, according to official US Government assessments. The four airmen, it should be stressed, are not in any way connected with the 11 airmen whose presence in China was announced last year as alleged "spies" and espionage agents.

Those released yesterday were jet pilots shot down during the Korean war. Peking claims they were actually brought down in Chinese territory after being caught "intruding" but there is no official confirmation of this. But obviously they are not in the same category as the other 11 who have been charged with an ostensibly far more serious offence. The civilians, too, presumably come under a different category than either set of airmen, but little is known of the reason for their detention.

The release of the British radio operator, Robert Ford on Sunday who was also charged with "espionage" gives rise to speculation that the 11 airmen may be given their freedom soon. Ford's detention in China or Tibet for almost five years is a poor indicator to the likely sentence to be served by the airmen. For the most part, Ford was in prison during a time when Peking's relations with the West were very much more strained than they are today.

MUCH therefore depends on the present attitude of Peking (and possibly Washington, too, for the Chinese may well respond, as Mr Krishna Menon indicated yesterday, to reciprocal moves to reduce tension.)

The release of the airmen is, however, a promising start. Mr Krishna Menon described it as a "first step" by China to lowering international tension in the Far East. He continued: "as from now we cannot reasonably hope towards an easing of the situation, given goodwill on both sides. It requires not bargains but actions to lower tension from both sides. This could be like a snowball once it started rolling."

Few, perhaps, will share his last opinion, "however earnestly an early consummation of a new and more friendly relationship is to be wished. The United States, if for no other reason than that it will avoid any move which could be interpreted as compromising or embarrassing its Nationalist allies, may be expected to proceed cautiously. Politics and diplomacy dictate that an alliance so carefully nurtured and defended by successive administrations will not be liquidated overnight."

THREAT TO STEEL INDUSTRY

Ships Lie Idle In Docks



Some 20,000 dockers went on strike last week in London, Liverpool, Birkenhead, Manchester and Hull. The strike is the result of an inter-union dispute, between the Stevedores Union and the Transport and General Workers Union. This aerial view taken from a specially chartered aircraft shows two of the big London docks, the King George V (on the left) and the Royal Albert (on the right) where many ships lie idle as a result of the strike.—London Express.

May Be Forced By Strikes To Close Down In Britain

CAN LAST ANOTHER EIGHT DAYS

London, May 31. Britain's steel industry is in danger of having to shut down because of the crippling railway and dock strikes, which have tied up the nation's transport.

The nation's steel mills announced today that they have only eight days' supplies of fuel and minerals. Two of the biggest mills announced that they will have to close down their blast furnaces by next Thursday if the strike continues, thus throwing tens of thousands of employees out of work.

Other industries which depend on the railways for transport were also faced with the necessity of closing.

Meanwhile, the number of striking dock workers rose to 19,900 today, when employees returning from vacation joined the ranks of the strikers.

It's "Back To School Again" In Italy

Rome, May 31. The Italian teachers' trade union tonight ended a strike for higher wages of 52,000 secondary school teachers after two days.

They thus dashed the hopes of a million children whose annual examinations begin tomorrow.

After two days of intensive negotiations a compromise was reached on the eve of the examinations. The terms will be disclosed later. The union ordered immediate suspension of the strike.

The government was evidently surprised at the success of the strike and at the amount of sympathy aroused among parents for teachers' wage claims. The minimum salary for a teacher is 44,000 lire (225) a month.

The main force behind the strike was the powerful Catholic Trade Union Federation.—Reuter.

VICTORY FOR DICK HAYMES

Washington, May 31. A United States District Court ruled here today that Argentine-born crooner Dick Haymes, husband of Rita Hayworth, is not liable to deportation.

Haymes has been fighting a government move to have him deported on the grounds that he entered the United States illegally after a visit to Hawaii.

Today's ruling was that, in effect, he never left the United States when he went to Hawaii, an American territory, in 1953.

Haymes, 38, had gone to Hawaii to see Miss Hayworth, former wife of Aly Khan, and for a singing engagement.—Reuter.

Reached Freedom Minus Clothes

Vienna, May 31. A Czech citizen today chose freedom by getting rid of all his clothes.

Austrian customs officers of the Ringeldorf district were astonished when they saw a naked man coming to them from the Czech border. When questioned, the man appeared to be normal. He said his name was Ladislav Porogy, aged 22, and an electrician by trade.

He explained his strange attire by the fact that at first he used his clothes to avoid contact with the electric wires in the barbed wire netting protecting the border on the Czech side, but before crossing a river to reach freedom, he tied his clothes together and placed them over his head.

He swam and reached the opposite bank. The clothes did not. The current was too strong.—France-Press.

Rain-Making Experiments To Continue In Hongkong

Rain-making experiments in Hongkong are to be continued for another two weeks, the acting Director of the Royal Observatory, Mr C. S. Ramage said today.

The reason for this, he said, was that May was not a particularly satisfactory month for testing the water-seeding theory.

Only on about seven or eight days could conditions be described as favourable. "There were too many days when there was either no cloud or else general rain," Mr Ramage said.

Records of May rainfall were expected to reach the Observatory soon but it was impossible to say at this stage what conclusions would be reached. Mr Ramage said the next two weeks were crucial conditions which would enable meteorologists to arrive at an answer.

DELAY IN REPORT

Because of the decision to extend the period of trial, a final report would not be forwarded to Government until at least the end of this month.

If the results were clear and definite the compiling of the report would be relatively straightforward. Otherwise, it would involve detailed comparisons with past statistics and in this case the report might take longer.

Rain-making experiments began in Hongkong last month. The experiments were conducted on alternate days and the method used was to seed clouds with a fine water spray. The operations were conducted from The Peak and Mount Gough.

Rush To Join German Cadres

Bonn, May 31. Some 170,000 Germans have now volunteered for the cadres of the future West German armed forces, the Federal Security Commissioner indicated tonight.

Among these are 130,000 for combat troops and 40,000 for services. No medical examinations have yet taken place, the Defence Office said, and therefore it was impossible to say how many of the volunteers would be selected.

The number of volunteers was still increasing. West German authorities added. For the moment, the cadres have been set at 150,000 men.—France-Press.

Ike Wants Early Date For Talks

Washington, May 31. President Eisenhower said today that the United States had no definite position on the date and site for the Big Four conference, but would prefer it to be held at a relatively early date.

He reiterated that, as he saw it, the conference was intended to discuss general problems with a view to establishing procedures for settling them.

The President was replying to a journalist who had asked him if he had considered taking along Senator Walter George, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, when the President attended the Big Four talks.

LIMITED NUMBERS

President Eisenhower, after outlining his ideas on such a conference, said the representatives of the legislative branch should sit at an international conference when it was dealing with a precise and detailed programme.

President Eisenhower also made the point that he thought the delegations at the Big Four talks should be as limited as possible in numbers.

He stressed that the Government's chief conference would not doubt deal with the problem of the reunification of Germany, but should not be expected to discuss the question in detail.

The President added that the United States would always take into account the viewpoints of Western Germany, which, he declared, was destined to become one of the United States' best allies.—France-Press.

Man Goes Berserk With Gun: Kills 3 People

Dayton, Ohio, May 31.

A berserk gunman who said he "did it for his God," charged into two banks today and shot and killed three persons, including a former football coach, before he was fatally wounded himself by Police bullets.

Killed were: Former University of Dayton football coach Joe Gavin who died in the hospital shortly after being shot.

Mrs Fred Cramer, a Secretary at the Third National Bank, who died of chest wounds.

George Sawaya, a market operator, who died on the scene.

The gunman was identified as Richard Meyers, 46, of the Samu Hotel, who told the Police on the way to the hospital that he "did it for his God." He died about two hours after the shooting.

The shooting occurred during the mid-morning rush hour at Dayton's busiest business section.

The Police said that Meyers just walked into the lobby of the Third National Bank and first shot Mrs Cramer point blank in the chest. He then shot Mr Sawaya and fired another shot at a Vice-President of the Bank before spraying shots around the bank.

Upon emptying his .38 calibre automatic pistol, Meyers walked next door to the Winters Bank and Trust Company, and shot two others before being cut down by Police bullets.

He was placed handcuffed on a stretcher and rushed to the Miami Valley Hospital, where he died.

The Police said that the critically wounded were: Helen Burks, 48, shot twice in the legs and once in the chest, and W. C. Sherman, assistant Vice-President of the Third National Bank, shot under the heart.—United Press.

Tito Defends The West

Belgrade, May 31. President Tito of Yugoslavia defended the West during conversations with Soviet leaders here, sources close to the Yugoslav celebration said today.

The sources said that President Tito defended the United States against the Soviet charge that America was "warlike" and "aggressive".

The profound change in Soviet foreign policy, which has occurred since the death of Joseph Stalin has been accompanied by equally profound changes in the Soviet internal system, the sources said.

They declared that the Soviet police and even admitted it was necessary for the USSR to reinforce the protection of the rights of individuals.

VICTORY FOR PEACE

With the talks nearly ended, Yugoslav circles are unanimous in the belief that the meeting of Soviet and Yugoslav leaders constituted a great victory for peace.

The spokesman for the Soviet delegation, Leonid Ilyichev, told an impromptu press conference today that the talks had been marked by a spirit of "mutual understanding."

In Britain's principal ports, work had been completely suspended on 154 ships. Work was partial on another 87 ships and normal on 118 ships.

The rail strike has caused an unprecedented traffic jam in London. To the regular heavy flow of automobiles has been added a flood of bicycles, motor-cycles, army trucks and buses.

Key intersections in the city and suburbs were completely blocked this morning, and dozens of drivers abandoned their cars near the pavements with the apparent intention of returning to retrieve them after the strike has ended.—France-Press.

STRIKERS CRITICISED

London, June 1. The Daily Herald, organ of the 8,000,000-strong British Trades Union Congress and of the Labour Party, today condemned the railway strike and called on the 70,000 striking drivers and firemen to end the stoppage.

The newspaper said in a front-page editorial: "Talk of staying on strike three months is nonsense. Ruin would be brought after three months."

"Already unemployment caused by the strike is beginning to grow. Only a few more days and the mines will have to cut the production of coal."

"The Daily Herald is a staunch friend of the railwaymen. We advise the strikers not to prolong the agony."

"No major strike can be carried through unless the principle is such that it engages the support of the Labour movement as a whole."

"The strikers have not the support of the trade union movement or the public — and it is the first time railwaymen have not had public support."

"We say to them, however just you feel your case may be you cannot fight it out this way."

"The longer the strike lasts, the worse the public temper will become."

The paper said reason must settle this dispute in the end. "The right thing to do is to call the strike off quickly."

Segregation Must End Says Court

Washington, May 31.

The United States Supreme Court today directed that segregation of white and negro schoolchildren be ended as soon as feasible.

But the court, whose ruling was read by Chief Justice Earl Warren, said local conditions could be taken into account.

Mr Warren said the high tribunal expected full compliance with its decision as early as practicable.

The court's opinion today technically reversed judgments of lower federal courts in three states — and the District of Columbia which were based on the doctrine of "separate but equal" facilities for negroes.

ORDER TO COURTS

The district courts where these cases originated were directed "to take such proceedings and enter such orders and decrees consistent with this opinion as are necessary and proper to admit to public schools on a racially non-discriminatory basis with all deliberate speed negroes involved in the litigation."

The decision while broad enough to cover segregation in schools everywhere is not expected to end segregation in all areas especially in some parts of the South.

In schools and states not directly involved in the cases it will presumably be up to negro parents to bring suits in school districts which refuse to integrate.

GIVEN LONG TIME

Supporters of segregation in the South hailed the Supreme Court decision as giving them a long time in which to carry out its 1954 ruling.

Mr Herman Talmadge, former Governor of Georgia, said "it won't be feasible in Georgia for a long time."

Mr C. A. Scott, a negro editor, took another view, saying "a definite date would have been a handicap. Local communities now may be able to speed things up."

Many leaders declined to comment pending a full study of the terms of Chief Justice Warren's statement.—Reuter.

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THIRTEEN ESPIONAGE AGENTS ARRESTED

Prague, May 31. The Czechoslovak Interior Ministry tonight announced the arrest of 13 espionage agents alleged to have been sent to Czechoslovakia by the American espionage service and a number of other persons with "espionage connections".

Police investigations showed that the 13 were sent from West Germany with weapons and explosives, and instructions to build up a spy net in Czechoslovakia, the announcement said. It added that confessions by the arrested agents showed they had been instructed to get information about the Czech

armed forces and economy and to photograph important industrial and military buildings and communications.

The agents were trained in long courses under American instructors, the announcement said. Questioning of them was continuing.—Reuter.

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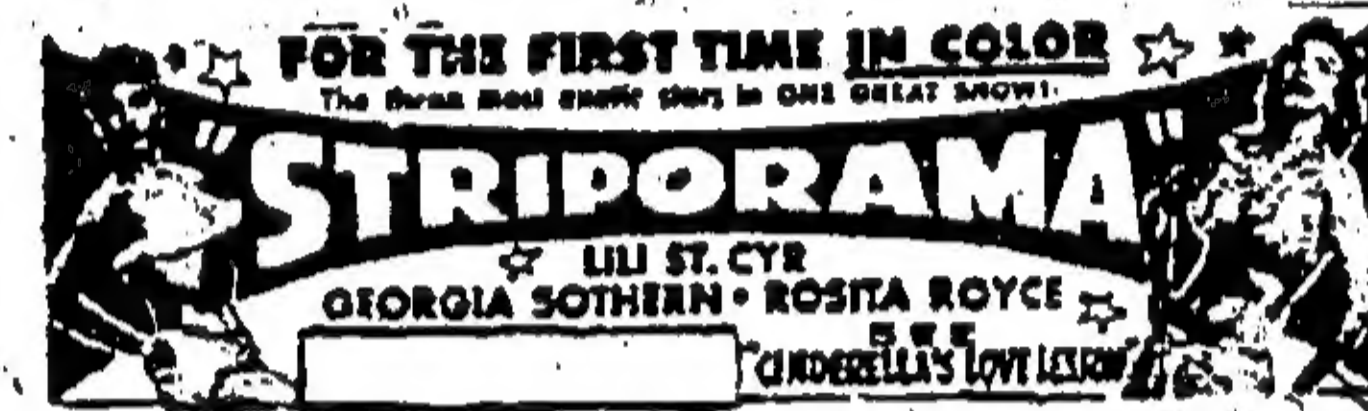
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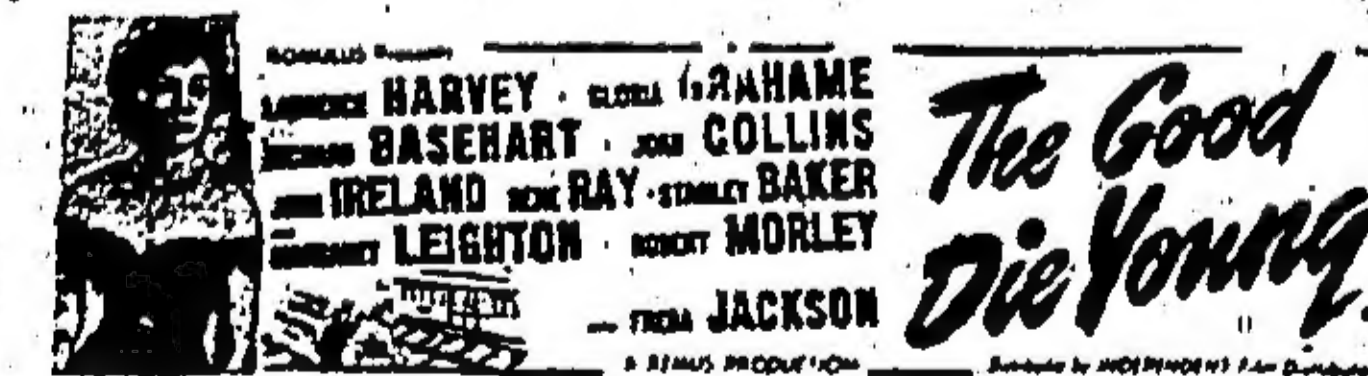
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Parties Unable To Decide On Terms

Detroit, May 31.

The Ford Motor Company and United Auto Workers Union today clamped a total news blackout on their talks held against the background of threatened strike action by the Company's 140,000 employees.

The possibility of a strike—authorised to begin any time after midnight tomorrow if the two sides failed to come to terms—appeared to have been averted yesterday by an unprecedented union move.

This was that all Ford workers be ballotted by an independent organisation on whether they prefer the Company's "prosperity partnership" offer to the UAW's demand for a guaranteed annual wage irrespective of layoffs.

REPLY PROMISED

Mr Henry Ford, President of the Company, promised a reply at the bargaining table but there was no indication today what his answer was and Union leaders have made it clear that if there is no settlement a walkout will not be long delayed after the deadline they have set.

Both sides issued a joint statement today saying there would be a "24-hour moratorium" on any public discussion of matters being considered at the bargaining table.

The statement added that the news blackout "may be extended by mutual agreement."

Observers close to the talks said tonight that it appeared that Company and Union were far apart in their bargaining positions.

Today Ford took full page advertisements in several newspapers to explain their offer, which includes allowing workers to buy shares in the Company at half price when these come on the market for the first time, granting interest-free loans during layoff periods, improved pension plans, and a \$222,000 for man and wife—better insurance benefits, pay raises and other improvement.

The Union has rejected the cheap shares offer as a "phony" and "crumbs for the workers."

Tonight there was speculation that the Company had rejected the Union offer of a ballot, but had come up with counter proposals.

The Union's biggest branch, Local 600, has called a mass meeting for tomorrow afternoon at the start of the change of shifts at Ford's huge River Rouge factory.

Mr Carl Stellato, the branch President, said if negotiations were not successfully concluded by the time of the meeting members might "set the time for striking at the Rouge plant."

Federal and State mediators stood by tonight ready to join in the management-union negotiations if and when their services might be helpful.

KEEP OUT

President Eisenhower said today that the Government would keep out of the dispute unless a national emergency developed.

Ford, second biggest car makers in the United States with assets estimated at \$1,900 million, produced 2,040,000 vehicles last year in its various

manufacturing plants in the United States.

General Motors, biggest of the car making firms with 325,000 employees, resumed negotiations with the Union today for a new contract to replace the one which expires on June 7.

Ford's agreement with the UAW expires tomorrow. General Motors have made a similar offer to that of Ford. So far there has been no threat of a strike at their factories.—Reuter.

Indonesian Premier Visits Mills

Paris, May 31.

The Indonesian Premier, Ali Sastroamidjojo, who is on a visit to Communist China, today visited the industrial city of Anshan, the New China News Agency reported.

The Agency said that Mr Sastroamidjojo and his party visited the heavy rolling mill, the seamless tubing mill, and the iron and steel smelting plants, accompanied by the Vice-Mayor of Anshan, Wang Yi-hsin.

The distinguished guests were warmly welcomed by the workers of these plants, the Agency said.

A dinner in honour of the Indonesian Premier and his party was given in the evening by the Vice-Mayor. Most of the Indonesian delegation then left by plane for Changchun to visit China's first automobile plant, the Agency said.—France-Press.

Israeli Honour For U NU

Tel-Aviv, May 31.

Visiting Burmese Premier U Nu emphasised the friendly ties existing between Burma and Israel in a speech at the Town Hall here today.

In a special ceremony, officials of the City conferred the Freedom of the City on U Nu.

Before the ceremony, U Nu and the Israeli Prime Minister, Mr Moshe Sharet, drove in an open car through the main streets of the city, which were lined with cheering crowds and decorated with Burmese and Israeli flags.

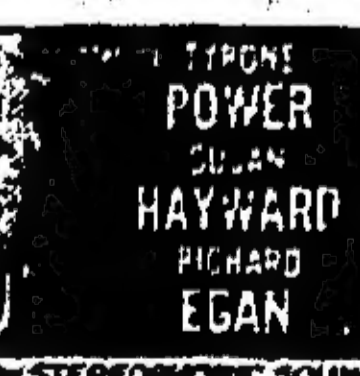
In the afternoon, the Burmese Premier toured Tel-Aviv and in the evening was scheduled to attend a special gala programme in honour of the visiting Burmese delegation at the Hebrew theatre "Habimah".—France-Press.

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Arab Legion Band In London



One of the items on the programme for this year's Searchlight Tattoo, taking place at the White City, London, (July 4-9) is a spectacular performance by the Band of the Arab Legion (the Army of Trans-Jordan). The band of 150 musicians has just arrived in the United Kingdom. This close-up picture of Staff Sergeant Issa Khalil playing the bagpipes was taken during the rehearsals for the show.—Express Photo.

Communists Want Court Ruling

Washington, May 31.

The United States Supreme Court today granted a Communist Party request for a final ruling on the constitutionality of the law under which the party was ordered to register as an organisation subject to orders by the Soviet Union.

The Party in petitioning for the ruling, asked the Court to overturn a 2-1 decision by the Federal Court of Appeals here. The Appeals Court upheld constitutionality of the 1950 Subversive Activities Control Act and a registration order by the Subversive Activities Control Board.

MUST REGISTER

The Board's order required the Party to register with the Attorney-General, supplying a list of its members, and submit a financial accounting. The order was issued after months of hearings and arguments.

The Communist Party's petition said final approval of the Act would mean the outlawing of the organisation. It also would jeopardise the trade union movement and imperil liberties of countless non-Communists, the petition said.

Under a 1954 amendment to the Act the Attorney-General announced that he would proceed against some unions he considered Communist dominated.

The Supreme Court will hear arguments on the appeal in its new term beginning next October 3.—Reuter.

Yugoslavs Give Luncheon For Indians

Belgrade, May 31.

The National Assembly President, Mr. Mosa Pijade, was host at a luncheon given today to honour a visiting Indian parliamentary delegation which arrived here yesterday.

Mr. Krishnamurti Rao, President of the Indian Parliament's Upper House, recalled the enthusiastic reception given President Tito when he visited India last year. Mr. Rao said he hoped the delegation's visit would strengthen friendly relations between India and Yugoslavia.

Mr. Pijade said India-Yugoslav co-operation was a striking example that close relations are possible between "peace and progress loving peoples of different races and religions separated by vast geographic distances."—France-Press.

Seven Killed In Air Crash

Rangoon, May 31.

The Burmese Government announced today that the wreckage of a missing Burmese Air Force transport plane has been found and that all seven men aboard were killed.

The plane has been missing since May 13 when it disappeared during operations against Sino-Nationalist guerrillas. The wreckage was found by Thai villagers on a 75,000-foot hill one and a half miles west of the Siamese border village of Muang Fang.

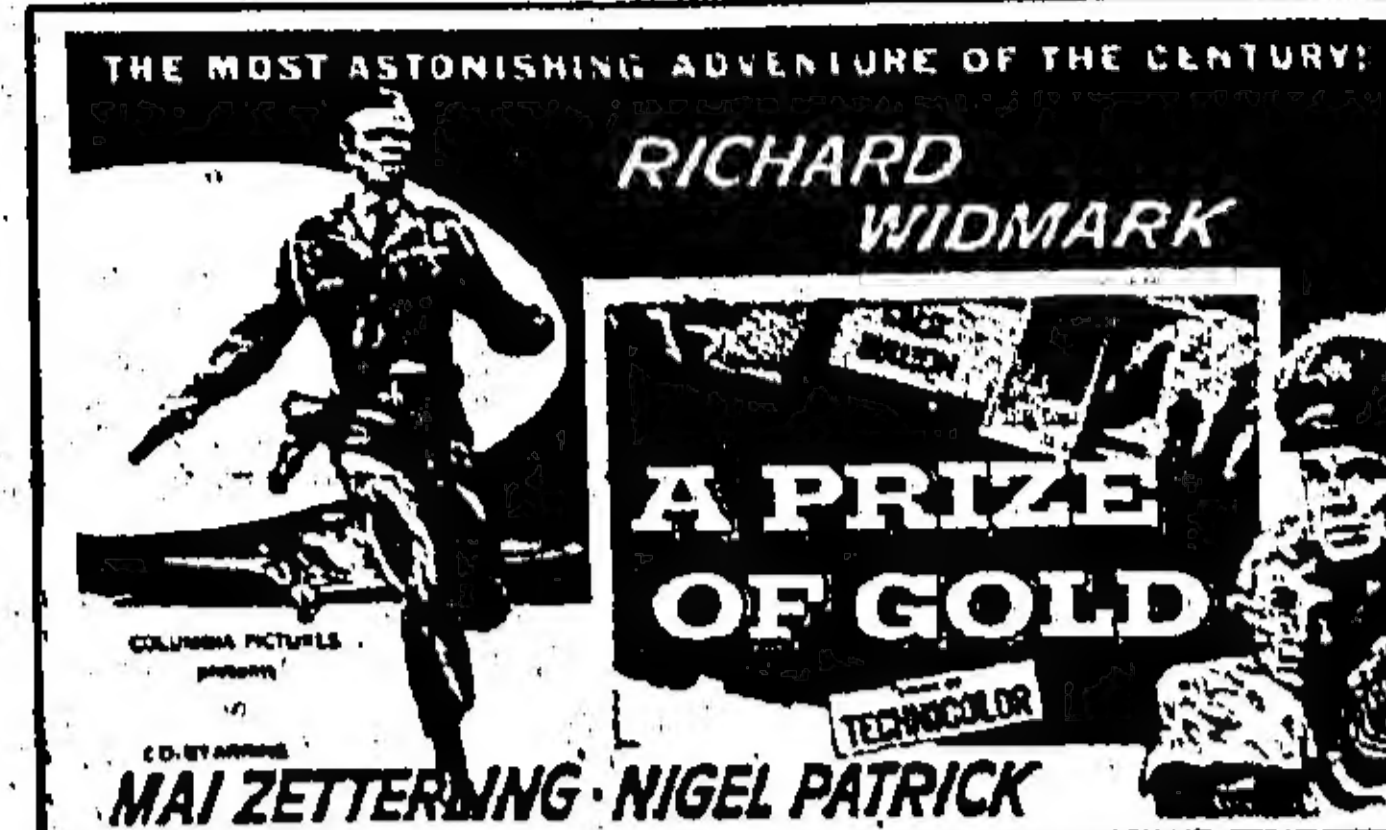
The two flying officers and five crewmen all were dead, and their bodies have been cremated and the ashes will be flown to Burma, today's announcement said.—United Press.

Rome, May 31. Police here have placed under open arrest 18 people—alleged to be connected with a Rome gang which forged false university degrees.

In March, seven alleged members of the gang were accused of selling the degrees.—China Mail Special.

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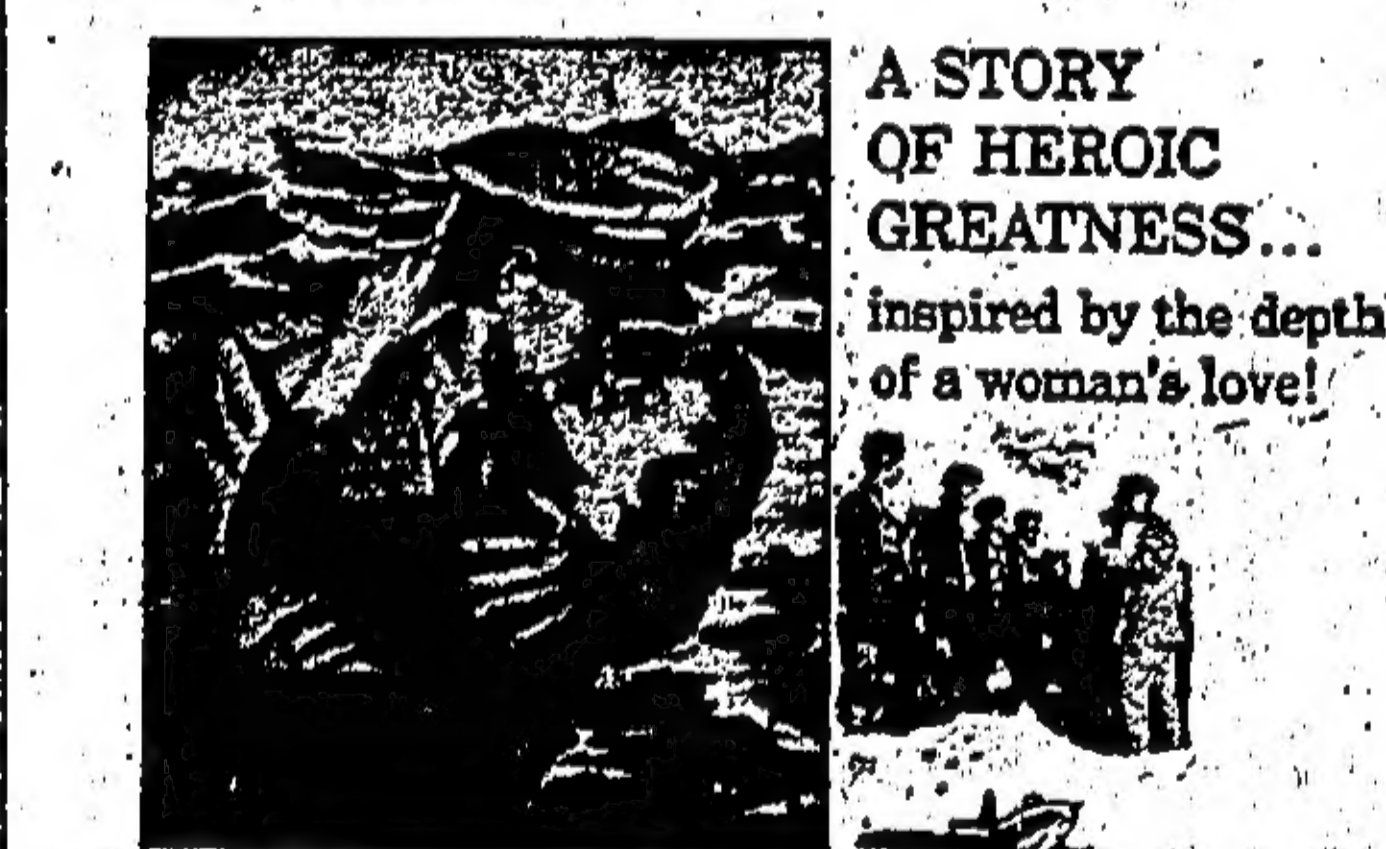
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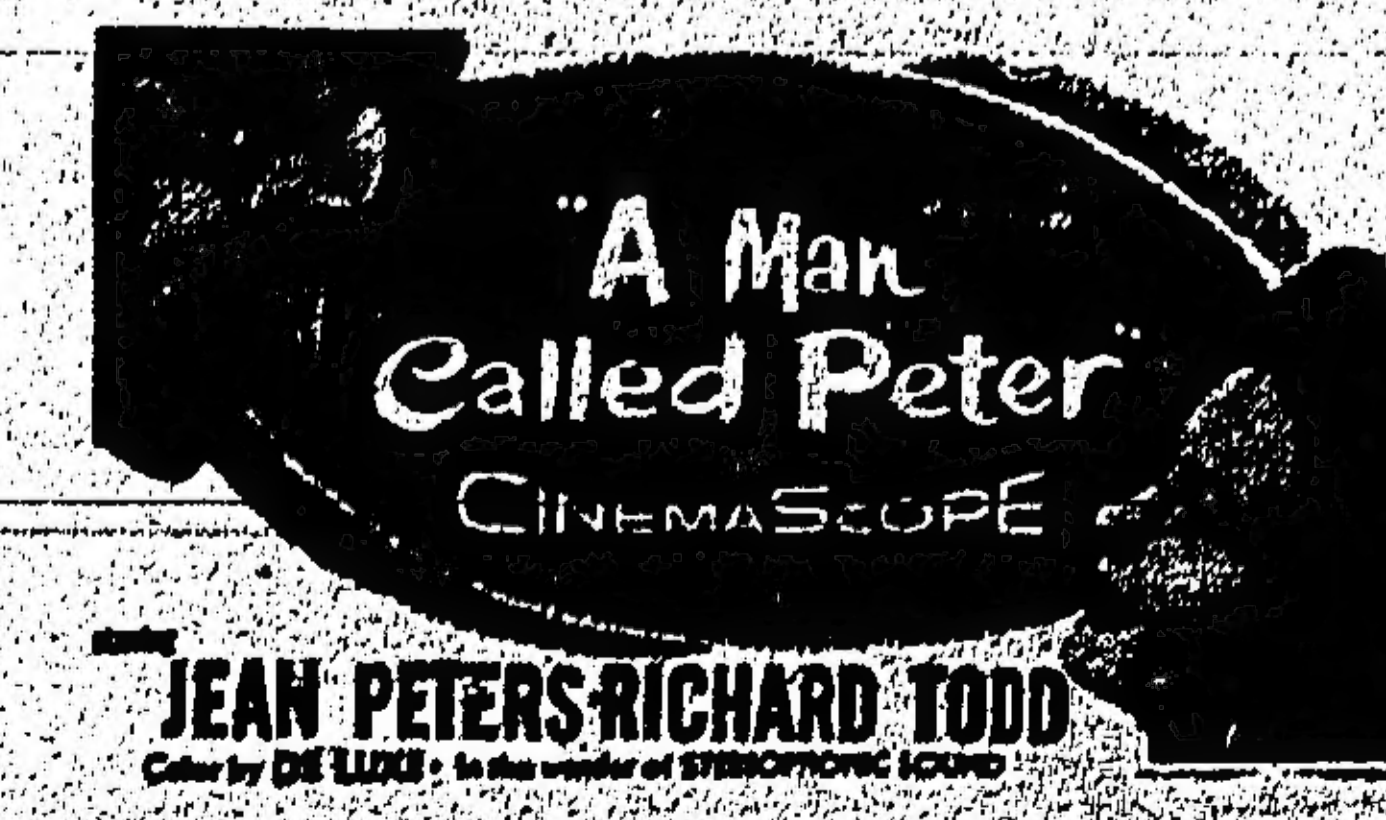
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Germany Wants Fair Deal At Four-Power Talks

Young Austrians Demonstrate

Both Blamed Again

Jerusalem, May 31. United Nations headquarters here today blamed Egypt for opening fire in yesterday's border clash in the Gaza area which resulted in the death of two Israelis, one Egyptian and the wounding of several military personnel and civilians on both sides.

The Egyptian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission today condemned both Israel and Egypt for incidents on April 23.

Egypt was condemned for laying mines in Israeli territory and for firing on men engaged in clearing the mines.

Israel was condemned for firing on and shelling an Egyptian position. — Reuter.

HABIB BOURGUIBA LEAVES FOR TUNIS

Big Welcome Prepared For Leader

Marseilles, May 31. M. Habib Bourguiba, Tunisian nationalist leader, left here by sea today for a triumphal return after three years of French imposed exile.

He is due to arrive tomorrow in Tunisia soon to reap the benefits of the home rule for which he has fought for years.

The agreements "providing self-rule for the North African protectorate were finally initiated by the French and Tunisian Premiers early on Sunday morning after nine months of laborious negotiations."

STREAMING IN

Thousands of Tunisians were streaming into the capital by road and rail to give Bourguiba a tumultuous reception.

Before he left Marseilles M. Bourguiba said he was very happy to return home "after having contributed to establishing our relations with France on normal basis."

"As far as Tunisia is concerned, geographic necessities make it vital to co-operate closely and freely with France," Reuter.

NO BARGAINING ON REUNIFICATION

Washington, May 31.

Dr Heinz Krekler, West German Ambassador here, said today that the reunification of Germany "should not be an object of bargaining" with the Soviet Union.

"As the self-determination of peoples is one of the basic human rights, so reunification in our opinion should not be made an object for bargaining and in that sense we feel that the Soviet Union is not morally justified in asking a price for it," he told the National Press Club.

Rejecting as "worthless" Soviet suggestions for a European security system without the United States, he said this could only result in establishing Soviet control over all of Europe. It would be "utterly irresponsible, not to say suicidal," if the existing Western defence alliance were to be broken up.

NO SELLING

"We Germans have not concluded the Paris treaties (bringing a rearmament West Germany into the Atlantic alliance) so that we might be able to sell them as part of a deal with the Kremlin," the Ambassador declared.

The greatest hope for the reunification of Germany lay within a worldwide settlement of the present tension between East and West. "We also know that we must not try for a reunification of Germany at a price or under conditions which would endanger our national security," he said.

Neutralisation would mean the collapse of the defensive

BRITAIN STILL OPPOSED TO SPAIN IN NATO

London, May 31. Britain made it clear today that she did not favour Spain's admission to NATO.

At a noon Press conference, the spokesman for the Foreign Office was asked whether Britain opposed Spain's recent expression of hope that Spain would join NATO.

The spokesman replied: "We have never recommended it." Asked whether Britain would oppose Spain's inclusion in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, the spokesman added: "We have never favoured it." — United Press.

LUFTHANSA ROUTE TO AMERICA

Washington, May 31. President Eisenhower today formally approved authorisation for West Germany's Lufthansa airlines to operate between Germany and New York City.

On the basis of Mr. Eisenhower's approval, the Civil Aeronautics Board issued an order permitting the Lufthansa operations for one year, or longer if further agreement is made.

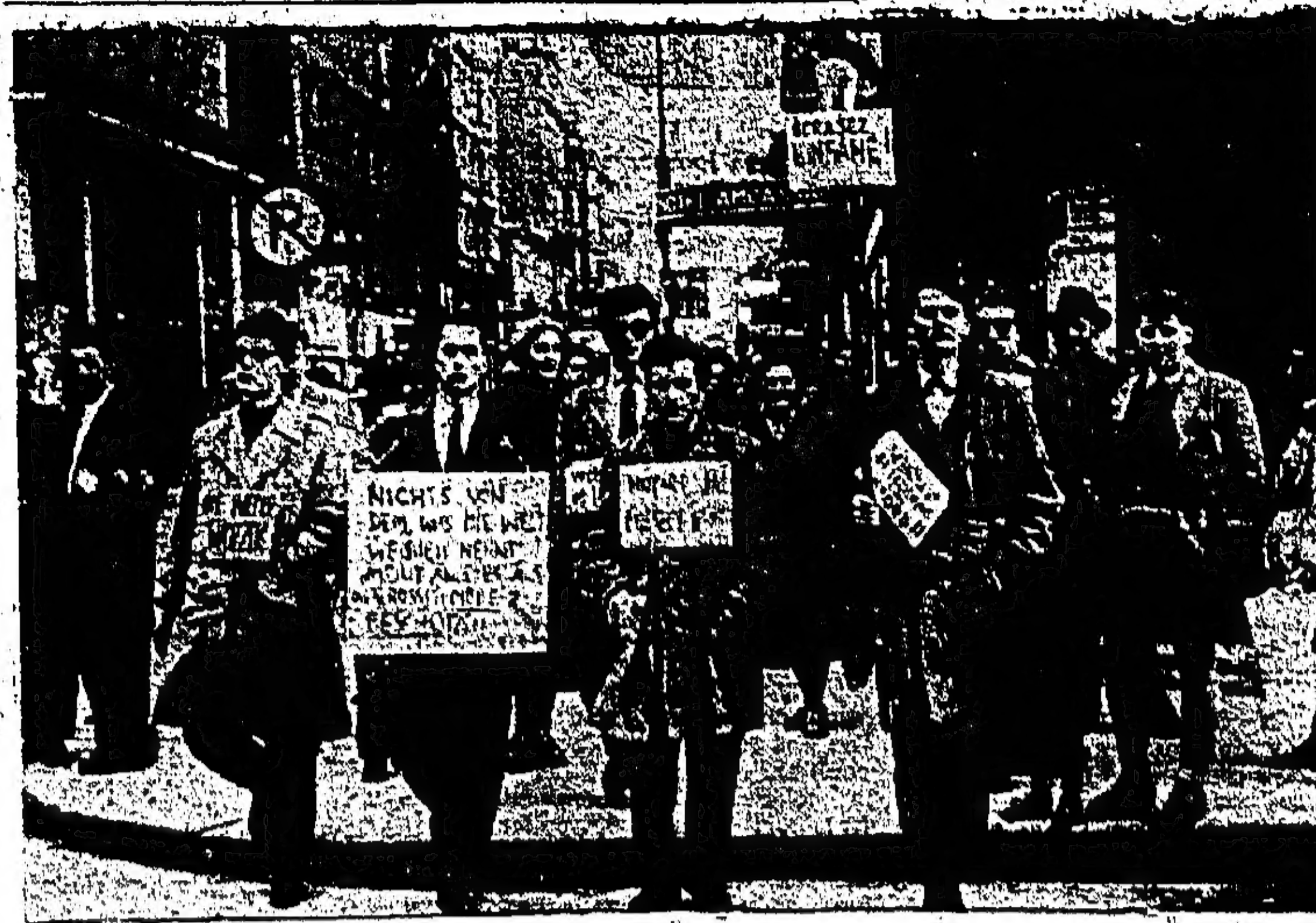
Officials said the inaugural flight of the new Lufthansa service will be made later this week. "Regular twice-a-week round-trip service will start next week and this will be stepped up to a service of six round trips per week within a month or so."

The authorisation covers passenger, cargo and mail service.

The flights will be between one or more cities in Germany and New York, via Shannon, Ireland, and Gander, Newfoundland. — United Press.

Faure Confers With Juin

Paris, May 31. The French Premier, M. Edgar Faure tonight conferred with Marshal Alphonse Juin, France's leading soldier, who has just returned from a visit of strict-redded Algeria. The two men were understood to have discussed the proposed "co-ordination committee" which would organise the anti-rebel strategy in Algeria from Paris. It is believed that Marshal Juin, Resident-General of Morocco from 1947 to 1951 and a leading military expert on North Africa, may sit on the committee. — Reuter.



A group of Viennese art students are seen demonstrating in Vienna's Kaerntnerstrasse, following the announcement of the New Austrian Government plans for the formation of an Austrian Army. The plans are based on general conscription. — Express Photo.

Cane Our Children? Yes, Say Parents

London, May 31.

Headmaster Mr George Pape asked the parents of 350 boys and girls aged ten and 11 if they thought the cane should be used. Result: An overwhelming Yes. Out of 200 replies only 18 were against it.

Japan-PI Reparations Problem Unsolved

Manila, June 1.

AMBASSADOR Felipe Neri, Philippines' chief reparations negotiator, returned here from Tokyo today after a 25-day effort at breaking the stalemate in Philippine-Japanese reparations negotiations.

Mr Neri said the reparations problem was still unsolved but added much progress had been made and he soon would pave the way for final negotiations at Manila on plenipotentiary level.

Mr Neri refused to give details of the result of his talks with Japanese officials declaring he must report to President Magarao and "feel the reaction here" before continuing his efforts following his talks with Tokyo officials. Mr Neri said he was concerned over the possible reaction in the Philippines to the latest developments in the reparations impasse.

He said the Japanese-Philippines technical level which had been progressing in Tokyo for two months have been completed and Mr Cesar Lanza, head of the Philippines technical panel, would return to Manila after signing an agreement on technical issues at Tokyo. — Reuter.

Chinese Opera In Paris

Paris, May 31. The Peking Opera troupe which will give its first performance in Paris next Saturday night as part of the International Festival of dramatic art, arrived here tonight by rail from Bern, after a three-week trip from China.

The group, numbering about 75 singers, dancers and musicians, was welcomed by French actress Gaby Morlay, President of the French Actors Union, and M. A.M. Julien, Director of the Paris Festival. — France-Press.

CAIRO FIRE

Cairo, May 31. A fire caused by a short circuit in the United States section gutted the second international tourism exhibition in Loutalla Palace today, destroying \$12,000 worth of tourism pictures from 28 countries. No one was hurt.

The exhibition was to have opened officially tomorrow with a visit from the Premier, Lieut. Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser. The Palace, built by Khedive Ismail nearly 100 years ago, is located on Gezireh Island in the Nile River. — United Press.

Alleged Spies Arrested

Sofia, May 31.

Four men and two women arrested at Neochori village near the Bulgarian border on a charge of espionage for Bulgaria used a tree as a postbox for written reports and the collection of money, military authorities here alleged.

All six confessed that they provided the Bulgarian military intelligence with information about Greece and admitted meeting Bulgarian agents in the field where the tree stood. The military authorities said. — China Mail Special.

Sound Barrier Cracked By Missile

Paris, May 31.

French pilotless missiles, which take off with rockets and are propelled by jet "stato-reactor" have cracked the sound barrier on a sharply angled ascent and attained a speed of 1,625 miles an hour. It was announced here today.

The experimental devices used only a single jet to cross the sonic barrier. The "stato-reactor" is essentially a long tube without mobile parts, consisting of a combustion chamber open at both ends, one for air intake and the other for burned gas exhaust.

SEVERAL YEARS. The French aviation authorities, who have been experimenting with this new type of machine for several years, said it was cheap, very light and used ordinary aviation gasoline.

The experiments are being carried out by the SNCM (National Aeronautical Construction Company of the North). The experts are hoping to use "stato-reactors" not only in missiles but also for fighter planes. — France-Press.

Vienna, May 31.

Fourteen Austrian officials flew to Moscow today to work out details of payments due to the Russians and begin negotiations for the first postwar trade treaty between the two countries. — United Press.

Bandung Calmed Red Appetite

Madrid, May 31.

The recent Afro-Asian conference in Bandung served to "calm the appetite of Communist China," the Pakistani Minister of Justice, Mr Hussein Shaid Suhrawardy, declared in a broadcast over the Spanish radio tonight.

The Minister, who is now on a visit here, said the Chinese delegates "were able to realise their attitude and their appetites were running up against complete opposition in every country."

Mr Suhrawardy acknowledged the importance of the policy of Spain in Europe and its influence in the countries of South America, which he said was "parallel to that of Pakistan in the Moslem world."

The Minister said that Spain and Pakistan have many points of contact and "I am convinced that from day to day our relations will become closer."

RUSSIANS CRACK DOWN ON BLACK-MARKET

Moscow, May 31.

Soviet newspapers are giving publicity to heavy prison sentences for black-marketeers speculating in food, clothing and household goods.

A woman shop assistant at Kishinev, in Moldavia, was sent to prison for seven years for stealing 30 sacks of flour from the shop at which she worked and selling it at black-market prices in a nearby village. A man accomplice who helped her remove the flour from the shop by night was sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

The Moldavian court, which tried the case was told that last October the woman had sold black-market wheat flour at five roubles per kilogramme when the State price was just over two-and-a-half roubles.

A "baku" in Azerbaijan, an "inveterate" speculator, was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment with subsequent loss of civil rights for two years and confiscation of property, according to the newspaper Pravda which explained that he "has been engaged in speculation for many years; he bought up and resold, at three times their original price dress lengths, coats, State loan bonds and many other things. Neither was he

averse to trading in stolen goods."

When they searched the speculator's home, police found 140,000 roubles in cash, \$500,000 roubles' worth of State bonds, as well as many valuables, including gold rings, coins, watches, ingots, a 10-yard-long gold chain and diamonds.

LAUNDRY BLUE

Izvestia, the Soviet Government newspaper, reported a 15-year sentence for a supply organisation store manager who defrauded State enterprises as well as private customers of 450,589 roubles in 20 months by falsifying the price of laundry blue.

The newspaper said that the manager, a woman in the Caucasus, "lived in grand style," bought two private houses and lent money generously to her spongers.

Whenever new consignments of goods in short supply go on sale in Moscow department stores, police are on duty to make sure that newly-bought articles are not resold at black-market prices. — China Mail Special.

DOGS TOOK HINT

New York, May 31.

Mrs Bobbie Clay was fined \$5 at Louisville, Kentucky for shouting "Run, run," as an official dog-catcher stalked two dogs.

The dogs got away and Mrs Clay was found guilty of disorderly conduct. — China Mail Special.

Are you budget conscious?

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Corned Silverside	2.85
Brisket for braising	1.85

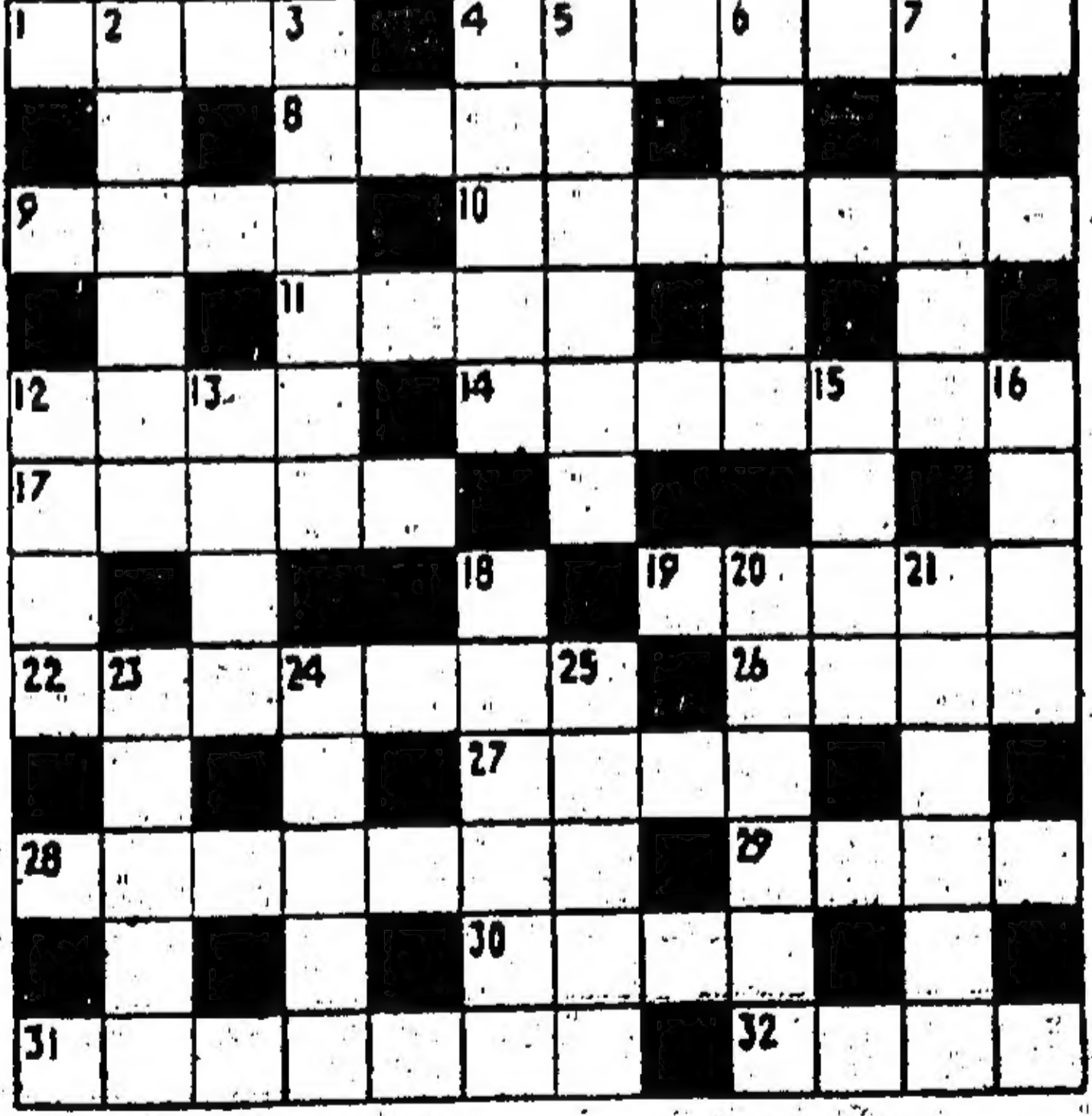
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Whole shoulder	1.75
Lamb chops	3.40
Breast of lamb	1.15

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A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 1 Mountains (4).
 - 4 Treacher (7).
 - 8 Unadulterated (4).
 - 9 Bathing-place (4).
 - 10 Shunned (7).
 - 11 Formerly (4).
 - 12 Measure of capacity (4).
 - 14 Inns (7).
 - 17 Get up (5).
 - 19 Antic (5).
 - 22 Quake (7).
 - 23 Unfaste (4).
 - 28 Vie with (7).
 - 29 One (4).
 - 30 Tackle (4).
 - 31 Cuddled (7).
 - 32 Cest off (4).
- DOWN
- 2 Hang around (6).
 - 3 Ghosts (6).
 - 4 Pamphlet (5).
 - 5 Disclose (5).
 - 6 Tolerate (5).
 - 7 Vest expense (5).
 - 12 Portion (4).
 - 13 Quote (4).
 - 15 Machine (4).
 - 16 Ancestor (4).
 - 18 Dive (6).
 - 20 Love affairs (6).
 - 21 Fur (5).
 - 23 Perch (5).
 - 24 Rhythm (5).
 - 25 Finished (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Critic, 5 Gasp, 8 Coral, 9 Lesson, 10 Limit, 11 Scale, 12 Mock, 13 Ernie, 16 Averse, 18 Remedy, 20 Arena, 22 Lees, 23 Blabs, 25 Value, 28 Legate, 29 Butler, 30 Unber, 32 Select. Down: 1 Columbia, 2 Insecure, 3 Ice, 4 Conceive, 5 Gallery, 6 Aliens, 7 Pollu, 14 Serenade, 15 Existence, 16 Amateurs, 17 Edibles, 19 Ensure, 21 Realm, 24 Safe.

DID IT HAPPEN?

THE PRIEST AND THE STICK

I WAS in Paris with very little money and I wanted to be in quite another place about a thousand miles to the south-east.

Not only would I have to travel by train, which I loathe, but in the third-class on hard seats. That is supposed to be a good thing. Getting to know the country: people more interesting. Are the poor and parsimonious really more interesting than the rich and profligate? Possibly, also more uncomfortable.

I reached the station in good time, but the train was already crowded. I quickly decided that I should be lucky to get a seat at all, let alone an empty carriage, and finally got into a smoking compartment which contained an old woman in elaborate widow's weeds but with a pink and smiling face; a young man with spots accompanied by a girl with the pasty face and dead hair of the ice-cream addict. This pair so fond of each other that their effort to achieve maximum physical

contact enabled me to have a corner seat; finally, a very tiny sailor. Unlike the English, French occupants of a railway carriage seem to feel that the pests who come in after them have as much right to a place as themselves. I knew there would be none of that ganging up of the actual occupants, ourselves, against late intruders looking for a seat, which one can count on in England.

Made room

Sure enough, while I was leaning out of the window buying a paper pillow and hiring a blanket and buying sandwiches, apples and wine, from a trolley on the platform, an enormous priest sidled into the carriage behind me, followed by two more who were not exactly emaciated by austerities either. The first asked whether the seats were free, and I was about to say that they belonged to a woman with four children suffering from an infectious skin disease when the old fool of a widow said that they were free and instead of scowling and spreading out their things and making themselves as wide as possible everyone grinned and muttered politely and made room.

Slammed doors

The youngest priest began putting parcels in the rack on both sides. The small sailor objected: it was his custom to sleep in the rack on night journeys. I thought I detected a strong vein of anti-clericalism in his manner which, at that moment, I shared. However, the priests were very amiable and had just finished pillaging all their parcels dangerously in the other rack when the guard shouted "En voiture!" There was a fusillade of slammed doors, a savage jerk and we were off.

Running at night through the suburbs of Paris, you find yourself staring through the uncurtained windows of bare tenement bedrooms and watching a fat woman in dirty, bursting corsets comb the tatty bits out of her hair.

Whispers...

Very cast down by this triumph of urban culture, I pulled down the blind and turned to the carriage. We had settled down: the young couple were chewing gum and holding each other; the sailor had become a cocoon in the rack; the widow had folded her hands and was smiling at space.

The three priests, huge, burly, black figures, bent towards each other with heads together, and whispered. One held a rosary, one a breviary and

one a walking stick which seemed to me to make a metallic clatter when he knocked it against the door.

As for me I was reading a lady detective novelist who always puts me to sleep. But the train was slow to start. I kept looking up from that soporific prose towards the whispered concave. It disturbed me strangely.

I woke when the train stopped: it was dark, my beard was apparently crawling, there was sharp sand between me and my underclothes and I had been beaten all over with a rugel. I lit a cigarette, and by the match flame saw that the three priests had vanished; the others were asleep.

My match went out and the engine gave a long, wailing hoot, an appeal to night for

by Edward Hyams

LONDON-BORN, Edward Hyams has knocked about the world more than most. After schooling he says he got his real education in the continent where he spent some years. Since, in between writing, working in a distillery, he has had naval service during the war, he has found further time to frequent France and Southern Europe and his Latin taste is now expressed by villanelles which he carries on at his farm in Kent. A razor-sharp satirist, he has also found time to write nine novels and stories and drama, published last year. He was born in 1910, married at 22.



It was the engine whistling again, a long, triumphant hoot. With a jerk which nearly threw me down the train began to move.

First I was paralysed, then I lost my head. I suppose I should have stopped the train by pulling the emergency cord. In fact, I dashed along the corridor with a vague idea of finding the guard and fell over the largest priest from my carriage.

A murder...

He had a huge suitcase upright at the end of the coach, and was looking for something in it.

I gave him an incoherent account of what I had seen. He looked at me as if I were mad, and while I was still insisting that I had witnessed a murder, the youngest priest came out of

600 ISLANDS—AND NOT COUNTING THE SUKOSHI

By RICHARD HUGHES

WHEN is an island not an island? For the answer, turn to Japan's Tourist Bureau, which invites the visitor "to enjoy a trip on the Inland Sea," and declares that there are "more than 600 islands" in that "fairly-book water-way."

This is magnificent Oriental understatement. On any clear day, you can count, haphazardly, more than one hundred alone in the islet-crowded bottleneck of the 250-mile-long sea between Takamatsu and the sunset—and granite island of Shodo. Hence the sea narrows to about four miles, compared with 40 miles at its widest.

The difference, it seems, is simply one of definition. "We don't count the sukoshi (small ones)," explains a wrinkled, grinning fisherman of Kanonji, the stronghold of Indonesian pirates one thousand years ago. If the sukoshi ones are counted—surely, they ought to be—the tally is 3,000 or more. No other stretch of water anywhere in the world has so many islands.

ALL SORTS

There are islands of all shapes and sorts and sizes—lands with golden beaches, islands with black beaches, islands with no beaches at all; islands that disappear at high tide, islands that cease to be islands and are seen to be clutched the skirts of a mother island with a scarlet reef at low tide; islands that make puppet dolls, islands that make noodles, islands that make olive oil; islands that rejoice in rum, like "All-The-Saints-Got-Drunk"; an island that is inhabited only by rabbits, an island that is inhabited only by



He looked at me as if I were mad, and while I was still insisting that I had witnessed a murder, the youngest priest came in, carrying his stick...

the lavatory still carrying his stick.

The older priest, sootily, said if I had seen anything at all, why murder? By my own account the man had been in an emotional crisis; doubtless he had fainted. Well, that might be true; I had taken the bang, the man's fall and the girl's scream and made murder of them.

The priest's explanation was more likely. I rejected it. I still do. Then I thought, I heard the characteristic opening and shutting of doors in the next coach which means a ticket inspector.

I turned and went towards it, at the other end of my coach. Right at the end, in the shadow, sat the third priest, telling his rosary. I had a moment of inexplicable panic; it seemed to me there was a sort of sinister, knowing complacency about those three clerical men, so plump, so black, so courteous and calm.

No body

I found the guard I made a devil of a fuss, and although he clearly thought me both potty and officious and refused to look for other witnesses, he did have the train stopped at the next town to let me off. I went back down the line in a local train.

At the gendarmerie, after trying hard to find something wrong with my passport and civic status, they were first bored, then rude, finally resigned. A plain-clothes man drove me to the Impasse de la voie.

The friezed wall was that of a lunatic asylum. The tall building, very grim in the dawn, a Barabara monastery. There was no body, no blood, nothing. Just that barmy cow's head leaning at me. There had been no report of a kidnapping or killing. "It," the detective said, "Monsieur saw anything, it was an old man and his young mistress at a crisis." And he shrugged.

had wasted my time and money and annoyed the police.

A week later I was loading outside a sports goods shop in a small Italian town. I looked at fishing rods, 12-borers and such gear. My interest quickened when in one corner of the window I saw a walking stick identical with one I had seen quite recently. I went in and asked to see it.

It was, in fact, a rifle: 22 calibre, made in Belgium; the handle unscrewed to expose the breech, the trigger was a button on the silver band. Ingenious, and not even dear. It was, the man said, for shooting rabbits; he smiled. "A poacher's tool, signor!"

There is one serious snag about my own theory of these events. How do you arrange to stop a train at a predetermined spot? Of course, it may be that the train often, perhaps always, has to wait at the Impasse de la voie. I am not, of course, cocky suggesting that three real priests and a girl conspired to murder a man.

Anyone can put on a soutane and carry the paraphernalia of piety in a conspicuous manner. No, I don't know who the victim was nor why he was murdered, nor have I any idea what they did with the body. But that I did witness a cold-blooded homicide I am and always shall be convinced.

DID IT REALLY HAPPEN?

YES NO

Put your tick in the space above and keep this pencil by you until tomorrow when the answer will be given—with another story in this series by...

Florence A. Kilpatrick
All yesterday's story—"The Failure of Man" by Stephen Forster—actually happened! The answer is YES.

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

MY last little talk on wild life seen from my window, concerning a fat woman in a purple jumper who always appears on Good Friday morning on the promenade seat opposite the Sea-Nest.

She is my harbinger of spring and known to me as the Great Purple Warbler. A short time ago I described how her little mate fed her on sandwiches, cakes, oranges, and iced, and how they both flew back to their northern nest at the end of the Easter holidays.

Now they are gone I have been studying the habits of younger birds who hop along the front, sit on the seat, squawk, peck each other, nudge each other with their wings, and clip their beaks late paper bags full of shelled nuts.

Some of the females are pretty little creatures in many coloured frocks and foolish little hats, though others wear jeans and bright handkerchiefs round their necks hoping they will be mistaken for art students or girl novelists.

They all hop about painfully in high-heeled shoes and it is sometimes difficult to guess if their loud squawking are maniac laughter or screams of agony.

The males are also colourful in their bright shirts and scarves, the top feathers on their small heads shining with grease.

Perhaps the most interesting display, for the student of wild life is the male approach to the female and the female approach to the male.

This usually takes the form of pushing each other with their shoulders as they come to rest on the seat, throwing nuts at each other, blowing out paper bags and exploding them in each other's ears, and a vigorous ruffling of top feathers.

When the male is shy, as is usually the case, the female attacks him with vicious blows from her wings, thumping him on the chest and back and sometimes striking him about the head. This is usually done before witnesses this exhibition of frustration might assume that they were quarrelling, but to the initiated it is only a manifestation of sex play peculiar to the species.

From a distance sex talk also sounds like a quarrel ("Who do you think you are, Funny Face? Marlon Brando? You're a nice one to talk about faces. If I had a face like yours I'd drown myself." "Perhaps I will!" "Well, go on. Drown yourself. I should worry.") though again the initiated will realise that it is no more than a self-conscious display of rudeness, involving personal remarks, which disguises the tender emotion which is to be sublimated in a regular union.

When the mating season is over and winter comes and goes the interested observer can then see the once pretty little female still hopping painfully along the front in her high-heeled shoes, but pushing a pram. Her figure has sagged a little. Her once bright feathers are dull. When the little bird in the pram squawks she soothes it with baby talk.

But as the years go by the female, now bedraggled in flat-heeled shoes, her figure shapeless, and a handkerchief binding her dingy head feathers, is not only pushing a pram but is followed by two or three small birds in rompers and woolen caps.

Backward Glance

It was while I was clearing my room of old newspapers that I rediscovered those famous characters of the gay '20s, "Eve," sometimes called "Milady" and sometimes "Miss 1923," "Miss 1924," or "Miss 1925," and "Mere Man" occasionally called "Adam."

In fact, I was so fascinated by these gadabouts of 30 years ago that I went on reading about them for a whole day, leaving my room in a bigger mess than ever.

According to picture papers yellow with age it was in the summer of 1923 that Eve first painted her toe-nails red, leaving Mere Man stunned and ripe for conquest as she swaggered along the beaches in a two-piece wooten bathing costume smoking a cigarette in a holder 9 in. long.

The mere man who edited this paper was so impressed by the cigarette holder that he published an actual-size close-up of it the next day, broke through four columns showing Eve winking wickedly at the multiplex and the next week Eve, now called Miss 1923, was in a punt on the river, with Mere Man. They were in a quiet backwater under the trees. Mere Man was holding a punt pole and wearing white flannels and a straw hat tipped at a rakish angle. Miss 1923 was reclining against cushions in the stern, her cloche hat almost resting on her beaky nose, and curiously clumps of hair hiding her ears.

She was still smoking like a chimney. I met them again under the headline "Mere Man Says It With Flowers." The photograph showed Miss 1923 grinning through a large bunch of mixed blooms just presented to her by M.M., though as men have given women flowers for centuries it was hard to see the news value of the gesture unless it was to show that M.M.'s resistance was gradually breaking down under the assault of cloche hats, long cigarette holders, and painted toe-nails.

In 1924 Mere Man hit back with Oxford bags 24 in. round the ankles and a beard. The game of "Beaver" was flourishing and a bearded young man was in court on a charge of assaulting another young man who had howled "Beaver" at him in the street.

But Miss 1924, now called Milady, was still hot in pursuit of Mere Man despite his beard and ridiculous trousers.

She was either curled up invitingly on a sofa, wearing a velvet smoking jacket, or she was at Ascot in a frock waisted round the hips, a long necklace that reached to her stomach, and a hat full of fruit and vegetables; or she was at the seaside again in a bathing costume a little more daring than the year before, and a string of painted curls round her neck. If you ask "Why corks?" I can't say unless she had been on a bender with Mere Man.

In 1925 Milady gave Mere Man the coup de grace with an Etan crop, a cigarette holder a foot long, and glass bangles half-way up her arms. Although there is no record of their wedding, I can only assume that Milady finally ran Mere Man to earth, because they both vanished from the newspapers soon afterwards.

By now Milady must be at least 80 and Mere Man round about 65. Are they happy grandparents in comfortable retirement, talking of their wild, wild youth? Or, because of their early extravagances, are they old-age pensioners, with Mere Man unable to afford cigarettes for Milady's holder, and Milady hobbling to the chiropodist once a month on her painted toes?

Dialling TUM

HULLO. Is that my stomach? Your stomach, speaking. We are going on a diet.

Why? Because since the end of rationing you have become bigger and bigger. Can't you take more exercise? Our feet do not like exercise. From today we will follow the calorie diet which has been revived in a newspaper. First we must decide on our activity group and our key figure.

Pardon? There are four activity groups, sedentary, fairly active, very active, and doing heavy work. I think we come under the sedentary group.

That's not my fault. Don't argue. The key figure for the sedentary group is 16. We must then decide our ideal weight in stone, reduce it to pounds, and multiply that figure by 16. We then get the number of calories we need to maintain our ideal weight. Do you understand?

I'm doing my best. Our ideal weight would be 12st. or 168lb. Multiplied by 16 that makes 2,688 calories. But as we are two stone over weight we must reduce our food intake by 448 calories a day. Are you still with me?

I'm not very good at sums. This means that as 2oz. of beef, one medium boiled potato, 2.2oz. of duck, and a 2oz. chop each represent 100 calories, we must reduce our diet by at least that much a day.

How much would be left? Very little. But instead of beef, potato, duck, and chops I could send down quantities of cabbage, lettuce, carrots, and watercress.

And nothing else? For instance, if I sent down four bunches of watercress that would be only 100 calories. So would 12oz. of cabbage, or 8 oz. of carrots or two large heads of lettuce, making 400 in all.

If you didn't send those down perhaps I could have 400 calories of beef or duck, or perhaps a steak-and-kidney pudding? You must have fresh vegetables.

How many calories in a double Scotch? I don't know. I was thinking that if you stopped sending down Scotch we could have a steak-and-kidney pudding every day and still lose weight.

I wouldn't want it every day. You can't send down double Scotch on watercress and lettuce.

Can't I? It wouldn't be fair. You'll take it and like it. I shall never like Scotch and watercress.

Stand by for two large heads of lettuce, four bunches of watercress, and a double.

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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

MRS MULTITUDE announced yesterday that the proportional figure for the floating vote in marginal constituencies quoted in the *Sue Poll* was not based, as was said, on an overall average, but was a

cross-sectional aggregate, based on individual replies to the wrong set of questions.

Owing to a switch-over, Sue's quiz-officers and questionnaires asked the fourth set of 30 questions before the third, in 17 towns of the Midlands. That is why none of the answers made sense, and why the figures quoted were utterly absurd. In the *Sue Poll*, there are 2,301 questions to be answered. They are divided into 19 sets.

Prelude to a holiday (4)

"Oh, Ma, it's a man feeling faint," said the girl in the third class compartment. Foulmouthe seized the bottle she held out. "I'm afraid it's only Snublo," she said as she confronted him in the corridor. "False alarm," said Foulmouthe. "I feel better already." And he brushed aside the nauseating beverage. "My uncle's in the next compartment," she said, "and he has some whisky." Foulmouthe came over faint again. Uncle's whisky was brought. Foulmouthe took toll of the bottle. "You'd better come in and sit down," said the girl. "We'll keep the whisky in case." So, for half an hour, the faintness came and went, as mother and daughter saw the bottle grow emptier. When it had been drained the Captain made a courteous speech and departed. "Toll Uncle," he said, "the owes me twopence on the bottle." "What a curious man," said Ma.

That made them feel small

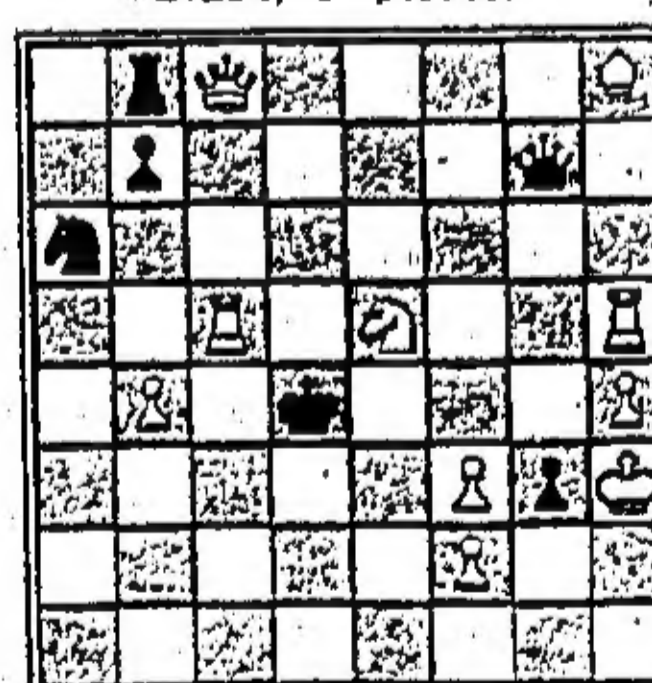
A MAN strode into one of the Superluxe Luxuridromes of the West End last week, and asked for a suite. "You have a golf course, I suppose," he asked. The Reception Officer regretted that there was no golf course attached to the hotel. "Cancel my suite," shouted the man. "I wouldn't be seen dead in such a shack."

Weighty words

A TRAVELLER says that those who have seen the Indian rope-trick can testify to the fact that the boy who climbs the rope really does disappear. Some years ago the B.B.C. announced that the rope-trick would be broadcast. An interesting prig wrote: "It is possible that the spectacle will lose much of its thrill by not being seen."

CHESS PROBLEM

By F. FLECK
Black, 6 pieces.



White, 10 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Q-R7. 1... B x R; 2. Q-K7 (ch); 1... P-Q6; 2. Q-QB7 (ch); 1... K-Q5; 2. R x B (ch); 1... K-Kt2; 2. R x QB (ch).

TARGET

How many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the word TARGET? The letters in the word TARGET are: T, A, R, G, E, T, A, R, G, E, T. There must be at least one letter in the word TARGET. The letters in the word TARGET are: T, A, R, G, E, T, A, R, G, E, T.

Answers to yesterday's questions: Q. The bidding has been: North: 1 Club; East: 1 Spade; West: 2 Hearts; South: 2 Spades. You, South, hold: AKQ753 VAJ72 AK7 4Q6. What do you do? A. Bid three hearts. You intend to bid a slam eventually, in one of the major suits or in no-trump, depending on what sort of support North can show for a major suit contract.

TODAY'S QUESTION: The bidding has been: South: 1 Heart; West: 1 Spade; East: 1 Heart; Pass; 2 Spades; Pass. You, South, hold: AKQ753 VAJ72 AK7 4Q6. What do you do?

Answers: Tomorrow

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

BORN today: you have a dual nature. One side of it depicts a person efficient, dependable and trustworthy in all detail work. The other side displays an impulsive, affectionate individual who has a strong will and wants his own way at all times. You will be most successful if you make a real attempt to evaluate both sides of your personality and strike a happy medium.

You have an interest in large and expansive enterprises and, being independent, you care little for the opinions of others. You may not be as conventional as others think you ought to be, but often it is this deviation from pattern which brings you your most brilliant success. You are fond of intrigue. You can be trusted with confidential matters and thus could be an adviser in matters of importance without betraying what you know.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Business affairs may call for your full attention at this time. Your savings can prove important.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—If your memory seems slightly hazy, be sure to make notes of important details to avoid errors. LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Put a guard on your tongue today. A careless impulsive word might do a great deal of harm.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Domestic matters are in good shape. There should be some real and unexpected happiness in store.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Bring your diplomacy and tact to bear on all those whom you meet today. It will pay in the long run.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Social affairs should have the star's blessings today. This evening is especially favoured.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—If you find it difficult to save that penny for the proverbial rainy day, try a regular schedule of saving.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Unexpected yet pleasant and interesting things may be occurring on the home front now.

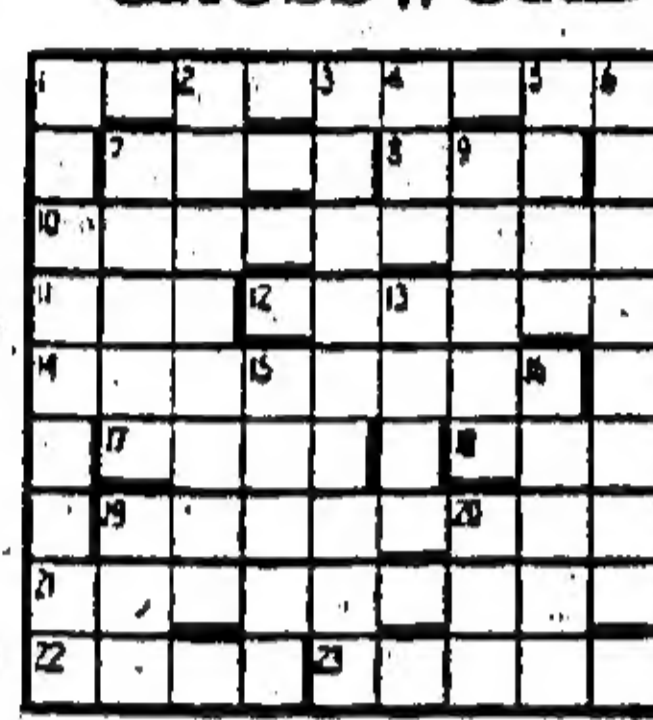
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—If opportunities are offered for your advancement make every attempt to take full advantage of them.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Try to find something to commend, rather than always be criticizing. This technique makes friends.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—You could make a tactical blunder today unless you are very diplomatic with everyone today.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Haste can cause an error that could prove costly to your scheme of advancement. Be very cautious.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. I was upset by Shaw. (5-4)
2. Four Down cut short. (4)
3. Saw a tramp when car became a concern. (5)
4. Half a vine (anag.). (9)
5. The middle of the codes. (3)
6. Looks as if someone says "I'm in on this." (9)
7. Map it out—and in the change you'll find what's blocking the sun. (8)
8. Jack Sparrow had a weakness for this. (4)
9. You put this noose round your own neck. (5)
10. Girl seen, maybe, but look what's in the mixture. (8)
11. Another one-and-a-half pence was (9)
12. Talk before you imagine may describe his plane. (5)
13. Horse is noted for it. (5)

Down

1. Many a householder gets growing pains here. (9)
2. Where it adds makes a book. (8)
3. They add up the good points. (9)
4. Encouraging one is not encouraged in modern days. (5)
5. Bring up. (4)
6. First test, maybe, but look what's in the mixture. (8)
7. Me and I that make something for presentation. (5)
8. Old Joe was (5)
9. A term in poetry. (5)
10. Sun is back ward. (5)
11. For me a (5)
12. Insisted on his ability to do this. (5)
13. One of an onion. (3)

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

A Famous Explorer

—General Tin Discovered Interesting Friends—

By MAX TRELL

"GENERAL Tin," said Knarf, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name to his old friend the Tin Soldier, "you're a famous man, aren't you?"

"Well," said General Tin modestly, "I'm not quite as famous as some of my friends."

Great Explorer

"I mean," said Knarf, "you're famous as an explorer. You've discovered strange lands and strange places."

"True," said General Tin, "but my friends discovered even stranger lands and stranger places. That's why, all in all, they're more famous than I am. One of my friends discovered America."

"Why, General Tin," shouted Knarf in astonishment, "Christopher Columbus discovered America!"

"That's the friend I mean," said Knarf. "He lived long ago, and he was one of the first men ever to go to China. As for the Wizard of Oz, he discovered and explored all sorts of strange places. . . places that no one else ever heard of."

Friend of the Famous

General Tin mentioned some other famous men who were friends of his such as Sirinbad the Sailor, Marco Polo and Alice.

Rupert and the Cold-cure -7



When his friend is feeling better Rupert asks what he thinks is so funny. "It's like this," the dwarf giggles. "My Professor has sent me perishing a cold-cure. Then one of the sheets of paper describing it blew away two days ago and while we have searched for it we've both caught terrible colds ourselves!" "I see," says Rupert. "You mean he can't cure the colds until he finds the paper?" Well, I don't think that's all funny for the poor old gentleman! Look, there he is calling."

WOMANSENSE

Dutch Models Display Autumn Fashions



Catherina Bos, one of the Dutch mannequins at present showing their latest Autumn fashions in London, is pictured wearing a blue and white suit of pure wool—with lambs wool lining. — Express Photo.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Looking for a "decorant" for cooking suetcrust or shrimp? Try a bay leaf in either dish. The herb cuts the odour and at the same time flavours the dish a little.

combination even tastier, add a dash of cinnamon and nutmeg.

Use vinegar to soften glue which has hardened in the bottle.

Dip bite-size cubes of avocado in grated Parmesan cheese or toasted sesame seed for a different, and easy-to-prepare cocktail snack.

To add flavour and texture contrast to apple sauce, cut plain pean halves into quarters and mix them into the sauce just before serving. To make the

New And Smooth Cheese Sauce

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

"DON'T you think we should tell our readers about the new way salt. Roll the duck in this. We've evolved of making cheese sauce?" asked the Chef.

"Good idea, Chef. Go ahead."

"This is of a simplicity! And so good it can be used not only on vegetables such as asparagus or broccoli, cauliflower or even cabbage to make them more substantial, but it can also be spooned over toast instead of Welsh Rabbit. And here is a cooking miracle: It can be frozen in the food freezer ready to thaw and use whenever needed and, best of all, when frozen it does not separate or curdle."

"How was this accomplished? By using a new method with an established cereal product."

Cheese Sauce from the Chef

Heat 1 pt. milk; add 1 tsp. butter or margarine and stir in 3 level tsp. quick-cooking granular rice cereal, the kind that is cooked for the little children. Cook and stir 2 min. Then add ¼ c. grated soft sharp American cheese and stir until blended. Transfer immediately to a deep bowl and beat furiously with the electric mixer or, better still, a blender, until smooth and creamy.

Dinner

Tossed Salad Bowl of Greens and Anchovies
Duck Spanish
Green Beans Casserole
Cake a la Mode
Coffee Tea Milk
All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Duck Spanish

Clean, wash, dry and section a 4 to 5-lb. duck. Mix ¼ c. en-

riched flour, 1 tsp. salt, ½ tsp. monosodium glutamate, ¼ tsp. pepper and 1 tsp. onion or garlic powder. Roll the duck in this. We've evolved of making cheese sauce?" asked the Chef.

Arrange in layers in a casserole. Add 1 c. Spanish sauce stirred with 1 c. tomato juice. Cover and bake from 1½ to 2 hrs., or until the duck is fork-tender. Ten minutes before it will be done, stir in ½ c. sliced stuffed or ripe olives. If desired, add 1 (4-oz.) tin sliced mushrooms and liquid. Serve from the casserole, or arrange in a border of flaky rice on a big platter.

To Pressure-Cook: Follow the preceding recipe with this exception: Put the duck to cook on a rack in the pressure-cooker then pour in the sauce. Process 20 min. at 15 lbs. pressure. Cool at once.

Green Beans Casserole

Put 1 lb. shredded fresh green beans in a casserole. Add ½ tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. pepper, ¼ tsp. monosodium glutamate and ¼ tsp. rosemary. Add water to the depth of 1 in. Cover and bake until fork-tender; allow about 45 min. When done, the water will have almost evaporated. Stir in ¼ c. sweet or sour cream; heat a moment and serve.

Cake a la Mode

Sponge cake, pound cake, ginger cake, all of these are good sliced thin or cut in squares, topped with ice cream, and served with a suitable sauce, which makes it cake a la mode.

With spice cake I like butter pecan ice cream and butter-scotch sauce. Vanilla ice cream with pound cake and chocolate sauce is a dream! And with fruit ice cream on sponge or angel cake, you will be delighted with a sauce of frozen fruit that is not quite defrosted.

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THEY SHARED TWO SETS



The Colony's Open Doubles Champions, Dr Low Keat-soo and Junior Pomeroy (left), pictured with the American Thomas Cup players, Dick Mitchell and Carl Loveday, at Craigengower Cricket Club last night. Dr Low and Junior Pomeroy won the first set at 15-8 but lost the next in double quick time at 2-15. — China Mail Photo.

Singapore's Badminton Fans Were Not Impartial, American Manager Says

A gamble by Carl Loveday, the American Thomas Cup playing team manager to play Dick Mitchell as Number Two singles instead of third—which failed—and an eye injury sustained by Bob Williams one day before the Inter Zone Semi-Final against India at the Singapore Badminton Stadium, Guillemard Road, were among the factors that brought about the downfall of the United States team last week.

India profited by the Americans' miscalculation to win by 6-3 and thus qualified to meet Denmark in the Zone Final which concludes tonight at Singapore.

In this exclusive interview to the China Mail, the American playing team manager told for the first time the behind-the-scenes story of the United States defeat.

"Now that the matches are over, I can tell the badminton world the reasons of our defeat at the hands of India. We literally lost the match even before we took the court against the Indians. It happened like this.

"One day before the India-America semi-final play-off the United States team received a setback when our first doubles player, Bob Williams, injured his eye while playing a card game.

"The sweltering heat in Singapore, which rose to 98 plus in the shade, expanded the glass in Williams' spectacles and it broke. Suddenly we heard Williams shouting 'My eyes, my eyes' and when we examined him we found fragments of glass in his eyes.

"We rushed Williams to the Singapore General Hospital and doctors there removed glass splinters from his eyes. It was a sad blow to the team and our morale was low.

"As team manager, I was particularly worried for we had to play India the next night. Back to the hotel our boys got together discussing whether Bob Williams would be able to play.

"The next morning Williams felt very much better. I took no chances and started immediately to test his vision by placing objects far and near in order to be sure that Williams was fit for play.

"As it turned out, Williams recovered very quickly and he assured me that his vision had returned to normal. We had to get a new pair of spectacles for Williams in town.

"It was not until Williams and Wynn Rogers met Gajman Hemmady and Manoj Guha, Indian's Number Two doubles combination that we sensed there was something wrong with Williams.

"Williams simply could not focus his eyes on the shuttle. He was hitting the bird at the wrong time and as a result, Guha and Hemmady won comfortably at 15-4, 15-8.

"Had it not been for the unfortunate accident to Williams, things might well have gone in our favour as we knew that our doubles pairs were very much better than the Indians'.

"We banked on winning all the four doubles and at least two of the five singles to give us a 6-3 victory, instead it turned out the other way round.

"Another thing that got our boys was the crowd which in 1952 was impartial. But not this time. The crowd were all for the Indians. We were jeered and booed whenever we committed an error and this naturally threw our boys off their stride.

"We sure wished we had the late Ken Davidson our 1948, 1952 coach who was killed in an air crash last December, was with us. When we played against the Indians last week each and every member of the team imagined that we had our former coach in spirit with us. But it wasn't the same as when Ken Davidson was with the team.

"I mentioned about my placing Dick Mitchell as second singles instead of third. Originally Mitchell was down for third singles for we were pretty certain that he would beat India's Number Three, P.S. Chawla.

"My sudden decision to put Mitchell to play second singles was due to Williams' eye injury. We needed two valuable points from Mitchell as a believed that with experience on his side it would see him through against Nandji Nataraj and T.N. Seth.

"Mitchell fell victim to the heat inside the packed 7,500

crowd badminton stadium. The Indians seemed not to be affected at all whereas our players could hardly breathe after a three-set match.

TO SUM UP

"To sum up, the main reason for our defeat was our failure to live up to our reputation in the doubles. The Indians were much too good in the singles, winning four of the five matches in the doubles they took two games.

"I played very badly the first night with my partner Mamee Armanaz and we lost to India's Munoj Guha and Gajman Hemmady after a hard three-set duel at 11-15, 17-14, 8-15.

"When asked whether the next American Thomas Cup team will be better than this year's, Carl Loveday said the next Thomas Cup match will see America fielding a practically new squad.

"We have no rising players of international class just yet. I reckon that when we meet Canada in 1958 it will be Canada for Malaya for the Inter Zone semi-final rounds.

"The Canadians have some very good singles players and I can tell you this that Canada will be a threat to Malaya in the next Thomas Cup."

Loveday predicts a clear 8-1 victory for the defending nation—Malaya—to beat either India or Denmark in the Challenge round on June 4-5 at Singapore.

Loveday and Mitchell left early this morning for Tokyo for a three-day visit before returning home.

COWDREY BACK IN CIVIES

London, May 31. Cowdrey, the 22-year-old Kent and England cricketer, is being discharged from the Royal Air Force on medical grounds, the Air Ministry said today.

He is at present on compassionate leave and will be officially told of the decision when he returns to his unit at Cardington, Bedfordshire.

Cowdrey began his two-year period of national service on May 6.

He is suffering from foot trouble—a stiffening of the joints of the big toes—for which he has already had lengthy operative treatment.—China Mail Special.

TENNIS

KRISHNAN AND KUMAR IN THIRD ROUND

Manchester, May 31. In the second round of the Northern Lawn Tennis tournament here today: B. Krishnan of India beat R. Faulkner of Britain 6-1, 6-6; K. Kumar of India beat A. Kal of Britain 6-1, 6-1.—France Press.

LAST NIGHT'S BADMINTON

AMERICAN THOMAS CUP PLAYERS IMPRESSED WITH LOCAL JUNIOR TALENT

By "TOUCHWOOD"

The Colony's reigning Champion, Ramon Young, surprised even himself when he took a set off Dick Mitchell, the American Thomas Cup Number Two player, in the exhibition matches at the Craigengower Cricket Club last night. Young won the first set at 13-14 but lost the next to Mitchell at 13-15.

Without knowing it, both Mitchell and Loveday were the first two American badminton players to figure in exhibition matches in the Colony.

It was not Ramon Young who impressed the Americans last night, but S. K. Wong, the Colony Junior Champion, and Wong Wai-hung, this year's Junior Singles runner-up, who caught the eye of the visitors.

Mitchell, who played a two-set game against S. K. Wong, winning at 15-6, 15-8, said the Colony Junior Champion looks promising enough to develop into a first class international player.

"Wong has the right approach to the game and the thing for him to polish up is his stamina. In his match with me, this youngster really kept me guessing at times as to where he would place his next shot.

Carl Loveday spoke highly of Wong Wai-hung's fighting spirit. "It surprised me that he could run his legs off without let-up. Although he lacks experience, this lad of yours, if taken in hand, will be a potential Thomas Cupper in a few years' time," said Loveday.

Though the exhibition matches were of a high standard, the American Thomas Cup players were only playing at half pace. The Inter-Zone semi-final round against the Indians at Singapore last week took too much out of them and this probably was the reason that they did not go all out in the four matches last night.

To mark a special occasion at the Craigengower Cricket Club, Dick Mitchell and Carl Loveday displayed such an array of strokes that they won rounds of applause.

Perhaps the most stylish and deceptive of the two Americans was the younger Carl Loveday, whose style of play is a junior edition of the late Ken Davidson who was killed in an air crash last December after playing exhibition matches in Singapore.

Loveday, who combines badminton with clowning in between strokes, was the favourite with the crowd last night. On several occasions when the linesman signalled an outcourt shot, Loveday was heard to ask "Are you sure?" with a broad grin on his face.

The difference between the Colony top notchers and the Americans was that our guest players were more aggressive in their singles and doubles games. They moved much faster and their anticipation was superb.

Coming back to the exhibition matches, the Colony's top notchers acquitted themselves admirably against the two players from America of international fame.

With Ramon Young setting the pace by extending Dick Mitchell to two hard-fought sets, Dr Low Keat-soo and Junior Pomeroy also took a set off Carl Loveday and Dick Mitchell in the only doubles game of the night.

BEST MATCH

Probably the best match of the night was the Mitchell-Young encounter. The crowd who had expected a walkover victory for the American Number Two singles player, sat up in their chairs when the Colony Champion raced to a 5-1 early lead as Mitchell sent out a succession of outcourt shots.

Mitchell came into his own at 2-6 to level the score at 6-6 but then a hit over by Mitchell and a smash into the net took Young's score to 8-6.

It was 10-5, 10-7 and 12-3 for Ramon Young who seemed to play better with each succeeding rally. At this stage, the American brought in his devastating smashes to reel off three points in a row and then a net shot by Young saw Mitchell levelling the score at 12-12.

Mitchell was the first to reach 13 with a forehand drive that caught Ramon Young standing. Back came Young with a strong smash to regain service and, using a drop shot which Mitchell

netted, tied the score for a five points deuce.

Mitchell lost his accuracy at this crucial stage to lose set at 14-18.

Mitchell was his old self again at the start of the second and last set. Varying his lob shots with net skimming drop shots, he had Ramon Young on the run for a 4-0 lead.

Three errors by the American at net play took the score to 9-4 against Young. The shots that really beat Mitchell came in Young's cross court netting which time and again left the American standing.

From 6-3, Mitchell scored point after point to reach 13-9 mainly through his overhead cross court smashes. There was still plenty of fight in Ramon Young and it is to his credit that he could have forced a deuce at 13-14 if a net play shot had gone over. Mitchell took the last two points by placing the shuttle out of Young's reach.

THRILLER ALL THE WAY

The doubles match of the night was a thriller from the start. Dr Low Keat-soo and Junior Pomeroy, playing in a whirlwind manner, were ahead at 5-1, 9-4 and 13-6 to confound the visitors. Then Mitchell and Loveday, who had been playing nonchalantly, suddenly came to life by matching smash for smash and volley for volley.

The speed of Keat-soo in counter strokes and the sound defence put up by Junior Pomeroy gave them the edge over the American Thomas Cup players. The first set went to Dr Low and Pomeroy at 15-8.

Mitchell and Loveday got down to a real scoring spree in the next set, outlasting the Hongkong pair to take leads of 6-0, 8-2 and 10-2. Nothing Young or Pomeroy did was

right in this set. They fell easy victims to Mitchell's deep smash and Loveday's deceptive drop shots from full base.

The game was over in just about eight minutes with victory in the second set going to Mitchell and Loveday at 15-2. Very few people at the Craigengower Cricket Club last night knew that Dick Mitchell played the doubles match with half a leg. In the opening set against Dr Low Keat-soo and Junior Pomeroy, Mitchell sprained his ankle when he attempted to retrieve a net drop by Pomeroy. The score at that stage was 9-4.

MITCHELL SMASHES



America's Number Two Singles player, Dick Mitchell, displays his strong smash in this match against Ramon Young in the Hongkong Badminton Association Exhibition matches at the Craigengower Cricket Club last night. Mitchell lost the first set at 14-18, won the next at 15-13. — China Mail Photo.

THOMAS CUP

India And Denmark On Level Terms In Opening Day Of Inter-Zone Final

Singapore, May 31.

India and Denmark were level 2-all on the opening day of a two-day tie in the Thomas Cup Inter-Zone Final played here tonight. Five more matches will be played tomorrow and the winner of this final will meet Malaya for the trophy in the Challenge Round on June 4 and 5.

Tonight's results India first were: Nandji Nataraj beat Jorm Skaarup 15-8 15-13; T. N. Seth lost to Finn Kobbero 14-18, 11-15; Nandji Nataraj and Dongre beat Ove Elertsen and Ole Mertz 15-3, 13-15; G. Hammedy and Manoj Guha lost to Finn Kobbero and J. Hammergaard Hansen 12-15, 5-15.

Thrilling elegant badminton that frequently forced the crowd to gasp and shout with excitement was seen in tonight's play.

With the advantage of youth and stamina, apart from skill, Nataraj of India and Kobbero of Denmark beat their opponents, the veterans, Skaarup and Seth.

Mr Roy Brady of Australia, the official referee, welcomed the Australian Davis Cup team who had come to watch the game. The Australian Davis Cuppers are on their way to England.

With Skaarup often hitting out and Nataraj placing delicately and tapping fast, Nataraj overthrew Skaarup to quickly lead 10-1.

Skaarup was slow on the uptake before picking up to reach 8-11.

A hit out by Skaarup and a Nataraj net drop brought the score, to 13-8 in Nataraj's favour.

Skaarup netted and with a couple of neat drops Nataraj took the set 15-8.

Skaarup found his feet in the following set and led 4-0.

At 5-3 there was a thrilling rally which Skaarup lost by hitting out.

Playing calmly with brilliant shots Nataraj forged ahead 14-8 before taking the set 15-13 after Skaarup had again rallied for a spell.

Kobbero was hitting out a number of times in the first set and Seth led 5-1. Equally erratic play on Seth's part enabled Kobbero to level 5-all.

They levelled again 9-all. Both sides were misjudging the court boundaries but Seth took the score to 13-11.

Kobbero levelled again at 13-all and a deuce of five, was called.

Kobbero executed some lovely drops and took the set 18-14.

With deadly deceptive drops Kobbero led in the next set 5-3.

A ding-dong battle followed and the score was levelled 6-all.

With a series of fine placings which left Seth helpless, Kobbero led 13-7 to clinch the match 18-11.—Reuter.

LOVEDAY RETURNS



Carl Loveday making a return baseline-lob in his match against the Colony Junior Singles runner-up, Wong Wai-hung. Loveday won 15-6, 15-8. — China Mail Photo.

Don Cockell To Meet Bobo Olson In August

San Francisco, May 31.

World Middleweight Champion Carl (Bobo) Olson will tangle with Don Cockell, recent losing challenger for the World Heavyweight crown, in London in August, if present plans go through, manager Sid Flaherty said today.

"I have a man in England now conferring with promoters on the project," said Flaherty. "If we get the right kind of an offer, I expect Bobo will battle Cockell."

Flaherty said that no matter what happens during the Olson-Archie Moore battle on June 22 for the World Light-Heavyweight crown, the trip to Europe will be made.

"I am planning on taking seven or eight fighters over there and Olson will represent the light-heavyweight class," said Flaherty.

"I've sent Jack Beynon, former local promoter, ahead to discuss financial arrangements with promoters. If he comes up with the right amount of money, we hope to match Olson with Cockell."

Cockell, the British Empire Heavyweight Champion who weighs around the 210 mark, recently was knocked out in the ninth round by Rocky Marciano in a try for the world title.

Flaherty did not say how much he hoped to get for the match, but on the basis of demands in other bouts, it would be a whopping fee.

Asked if Jack Solomon's was going to promote the show, he said: "I don't know. There are several promoters interested in the show."—United Press.

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With head down and fists working like pistons Cpl. Dinning of REME punches his way right into the Spot of Honour at the Top of the Sports Parade this week. His initial performance in a Hongkong ring when he met Cpl. Ross of the Royal Air Force at the Club Stadium on Saturday stamped him as a boxer of unusual promise and outstanding ability.

Cpl. Dinning comes to Hongkong with an impressive record in Civilian and Service boxing circles, having represented his country, and having been selected as a member of Army representative teams.

Provided the right kind of opponents can be found for him—and after his showing on Saturday this isn't going to be easy—he seems certain to provide many thrilling moments for boxing enthusiasts in the Colony.

One of the immediate reactions of many of the spectators who saw the Ross-Dinning tussle, was to express regret that circumstances have precluded a match between Muller and Dinning. Such a contest—which is now purely hypothetical as far as we are concerned—would certainly have drawn the crowds and if both men had struck normal form it would have been a cracking affair.

Both are in the same weight group, and both come from Scotland so it is quite on the cards that other fans from Hongkong will eventually enjoy just such a contest.

All that is in the distant future; and for the present, and the more immediate future, we look forward to seeing Dinning performing in the ring in the Colony.

WELL REPRESENTED

Army soccer players, referees and officials were well represented at the annual dinner for players and press given on Monday by the HKFA.

With the Water Polo season now getting into full swing, have been asked if I can give details of the Army's games in the HKFA Junior League in order that those who wish to attend may have early information. This I am happy to do, and here are all the Army fixtures for the first half of the season:

Tues. 7 Jun. Army South v. European YMCA at Victoria Bks. at 5.15 p.m.
Fri. 10 Jun. Army South v. RAE at Victoria Bks. at 5 p.m.
Army North v. Eastern at Victoria Bks. at 5 p.m.
Tues. 14 Jun. Army South v. EYMCA at Victoria Bks. at 5 p.m.
Army North v. South China at Victoria Bks. at 5.45 p.m.
Fri. 17 Jun. Army North v. RAE at Sek Kong at 5 p.m.
Army South v. Royal Navy at Victoria Bks. at 5 p.m.
Tues. 21 Jun. Army North v. EYMCA at Victoria Bks. at 5.15 p.m.
Fri. 24 Jun. Army North v. Army South at Sek Kong at 5 p.m.
Tues. 28 Jun. Army North v. Royal Navy at Victoria Bks. at 5 p.m.
Army South v. South China at Victoria Bks. at 5.15 p.m.

Well there is enough in that list to provide many hours of good aquatic entertainment and it seems certain the Friday, June 24 will be jotted down in many diaries as a "must" Army water polo game, although because of distance—there will probably be a strong North favour about the spectators who turn up at Sek Kong to see the first meeting of the two Army sides.

The Army is supplying three of the six officials who will handle the matches in this league. Major A.C.A. Walker, Sgt. Tye, APTC, and Sgt. Anderson, RAE, are the Army whistlers who will be officiating during the season. The other officials are Messrs. C. K. Woo and K.F. Chan, and C.O. P.T.O. J. Shepherd of the Royal Navy.

Opinions are conflicting at the moment about the relative strength of the Army sides but there are still many good players in the Colony and there is every reason to feel that both North and South will be adequately represented.

RUGBY AFFAIRS

Rugby circles in Hongkong are buzzing with speculation and rumours concerning important changes in Army Rugby affairs next season. According to the stories going the rounds the officials of the Army Rugby Association will follow the lead of their cricketers, brothers, and in future field two senior sides instead of one, probably on the same geographical basis of North and South.

HOP ON, LADIES!

CYCLE RACING SLIMS THE ANKLES, TRIMS THE WAIST, GIVES SHAPE TO THE LEGS

Says "NTACA"

"During my stay in Hongkong I have been very much impressed by the high standard of athletic achievement of its female population. I have watched them swimming, running, playing basketball, softball, hockey and tennis, and have admired their obvious fitness and keen interest in their chosen pastimes.

On the roads of the Colony, I have often seen numbers of these agile young ladies trundling their heavy, ill-fitting and poorly-maintained bicycles on their daring trips into the hinterland of the New Territories. I have even seen them taking part in cycle races on the track at Caroline Hill. But never have I seen one try her hand, (or legs) at the greatest of all games, Road Cycle Racing.

That she has the innate ability to do well in this sport is only too apparent. Perhaps she has never been told about it, and how, in Britain at least, it is rapidly becoming one of the chief outlets for the athletic urges of the fairer sex.

There is no doubt that the type of Road Racing which appeals mostly to the ladies is the Time Trial, in which the riders set off at intervals and ride alone for the entire distance of the race, the winner being she whose actual time for the event is the best.

Time Trials in Britain are held at distances of from ten miles to twelve hours, although very few riders ever tackle the longer distances. In this Colony, I would suggest the 50 miles be the greatest distance undertaken, but even so, with the intermediate events at ten, fifteen, twenty-five and thirty miles, there is no lack of variety.

REGULAR RACING

There will of course, be objections, "Cycle racing will make my legs heavy and muscular," is a common one. It is absolute rubbish. If anything, a programme of regular racing will do more to slim the ankles, give shape to the legs, trim the waist and generally improve the physique than any other single pastime. "It will strain my heart," is another popular fallacy. Any exercise which is indulged in too strenuously without proper preparatory training will cause strain, Cycle Racing no more than the others.

TRAINING METHODS

If you want advice on your bicycle, fittings, position or training methods, you can ask if two or three of you would like to organise a race of your own you can get all the assistance you want from the male organisers, who are prepared to run the events for you, if necessary.

A last point. The Union Cycliste Internationale, the World governing body, has agreed to recognise Women's Records at the same distances as for men. Is there any reason why a Hongkong lady cyclist should not have her name inscribed on the list?

The twin Novice Competitions are certainly producing some strange results. Following on the dual wins of Jones from the two consecutive victories of the bulky Road of the Pegasus CC. On Wednesday he won the NTACA 15 miles Australian Pursuit Race with an actual time of 46-40, beating the next man by nearly two minutes.

In a similar event held by the RAE on Sunday, he improved his actual time to 46-22, but this time he was pushed right to the line by "Grapplinghook" Dealey, the Chatham Wheelers representative. Road managed to keep his nose in front to win by half a length.

Sharing the lead in the NTACA competition with Clegg, and leading in the RAE contest with 5 points, Hood has the misfortune to catch a plane on some day this week, to go to Singapore for six weeks, this upsetting his prospects in the two competitions.

Practically all the riders in these contests have already noted improvements in their performances, an improvement which will be reflected in a yet higher standard of racing when the season proper gets under way in August.

ANNUAL DINNER

Full details of the first Annual Dinner of the HKCA have been reported in the local Press, but a few words here should not be out of place.

Although the attendance was cut owing to duties, over thirty members managed to turn up to the really excellent meal. Speeches were short and good, and together a good time was had by all. The display of permanent trophies was most impressive, even though some clubs had forgotten to bring along those they had won for the year.

Highlight of the evening was of course the presentation of the "South Island Morning Post" Best All Rounder Time Trial Cup to Ron Beck. Ron appears to have put on a little weight since the end of the season, but assures me he will soon recommence training for the three day stage race at Singapore, due the end of July.

The other "Best All Rounder" Trophy, the "Lord" Missed Start Shield, could not be presented to the winner, as Ray Hurford is now enjoying the comforts of "Civvy Street" way back in England.

Another of our riders, Jones of the 7 Hussars, has been honoured by an appearance in the "Rediffusion Sports" Programme. We shall soon have to have a BAR Competition based on the number of interviews given and "writes-up" in the Press. I wonder who would be favourite for that. I have heard the rumour that a number of our top-line riders are taking education lessons, so perhaps the idea will catch on.

FRENCH LAWN TENNIS

United States Assured Of A Finalist In Men's And Women's Singles

Paris, May 31. The United States are sure of a finalist in both the Men's and Women's Singles of the French Lawn Tennis Championships here as their two survivors in each today qualified for a semi-final meeting.

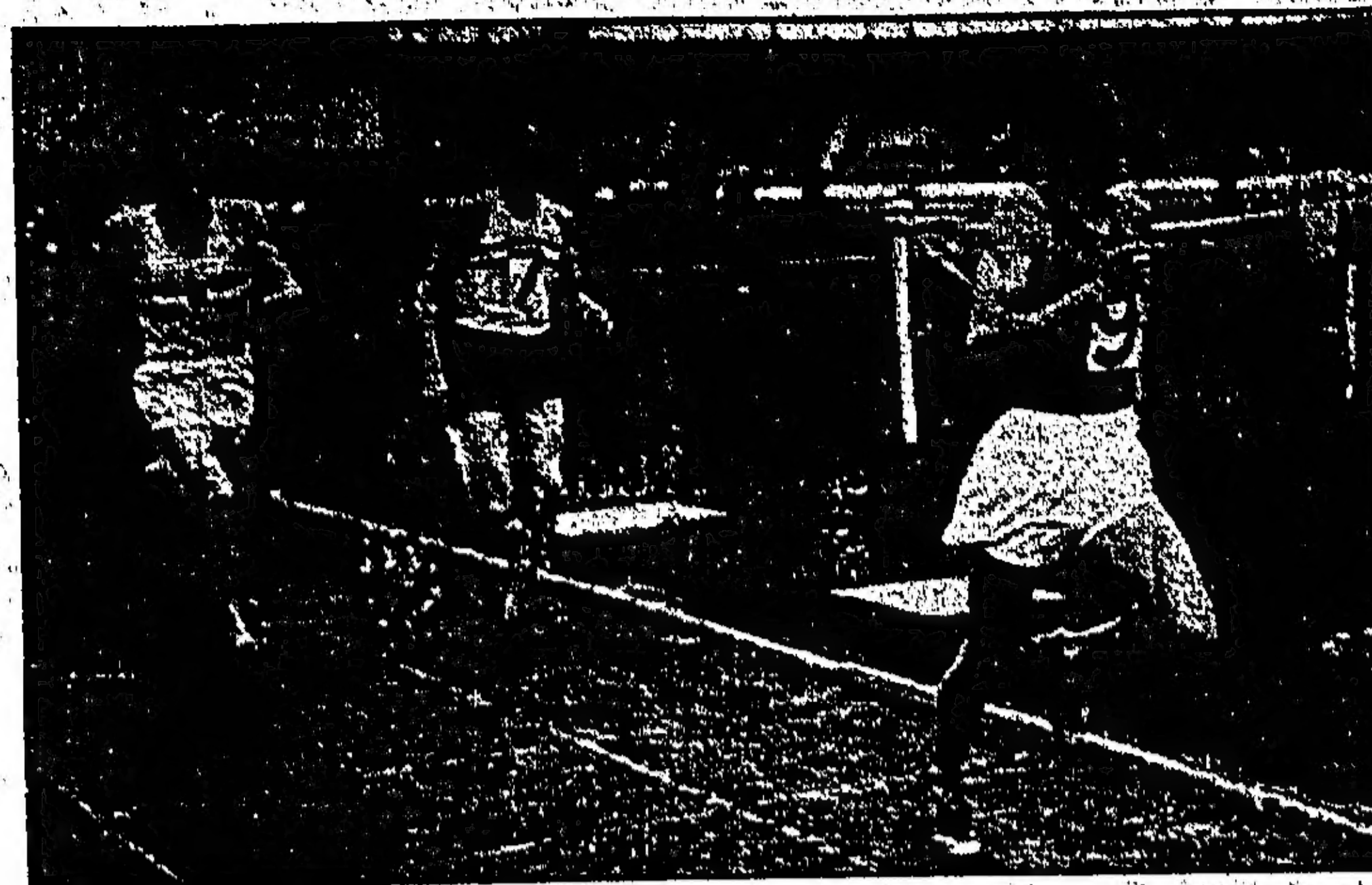
Britain's Angela Mortimer, seeded No. 2 in the Women's event, got through and will meet the unseeded Mrs Heather Brewer (Bermuda).

Mrs Beverly Baker-Fleitz (United States), the top seed and Mrs Dorothy Knodel (United States), No. 4, are the American survivors.

In the Men's Singles Tony Trabert, top seed and Hamilton Richardson, both United States, are to meet and in the other semi-final Giuseppe Merlo (Italy) and Sven Davidson (Sweden) seeded 7 and 11, respectively, surprise winners of their quarter-finals yesterday will fight for the other vacancy in the final.

Mrs Brewer, who had beaten the No. 8 seed, Angela Hard (United States) in the second round, proved the stronger finalist against Australia's 3-6, 6-3, 6-0 shows. —Reuter.

THREE MEN BEAT FOUR-MINUTE MILE



The finish of the International Mile at the White City on May 28 during the British Games when the first three home all clocked inside the magic "four minutes".

This is, of course, the first time in history that this has been done in one race, and the picture shows Laszlo Tabori (Hungary) winning in 3 mins. 59 secs., from Chris Chataway (3 mins. 59.8 secs.) and Brian Hewson (3 mins. 59.8 secs.). —Central Press Photo.

COUNTY CRICKET

Surrey And Yorkshire Level On Top Of Championship Table

London, May 31.

Surrey and Yorkshire continued to gain on all rivals in the English County Cricket Championship by winning their matches against Nottinghamshire and Lancashire, respectively, today.

Both counties are still level at the top of the Championship table with 72 points each. Their nearest challengers, Middlesex, who were beaten for first innings points in their drawn game with Sussex, are still in third position with 40 points.

Surrey, the 1954 Champions, and Yorkshire, runners-up, were the only counties to collect full points in the eight championship matches which ended today. For both, it was their sixth win in a row.

The Champions were set to get 188 runs to win in 120 minutes, but Test batsmen Peter May and wicket-keeper Arthur McIntyre played the Nottinghamshire attack and Surrey raced to an eight wickets victory. Two wickets were down for 39 when May and McIntyre came together, and their whirlwind partnership brought the necessary 148 runs in 57 minutes.

They put up the century partnership in only 40 minutes and were still unseparated at the end. McIntyre hit four sixes and nine fours in his 79 in 58 minutes. May's 74, made in 64 minutes, included one six and eight fours.

Yorkshire were set to score 184 in 200 minutes, and they succeeded after a hard fight with Lancashire. Len Hutton's wicket fell at 56, and Vic Wallis and Brian Close followed him at 69. But then Frank Lever and Willie Watson made victory certain, though it was left to Johnny Wardle to hit the winning runs with successive drives of six, four and six.

McIntyre hit the fastest hundred of the season—in 108 minutes against Nottinghamshire. Gerry Tordoff, the Somerset Captain and former Cambridge Blue, set new figures. Tordoff hit a century in only 85 minutes against Gloucestershire and went on to make his highest, total for Somerset—145 not out. —Reuter.

BRITAIN'S DAVIS CUP TEAM

London, May 31. Britain's Davis Cup squad to meet India in the third round at Manchester June 9 will be composed of Roger Becker, W. R. Knight, Tony Mottram and Geoffrey Pash. Officials announced today. —United Press.

SOUTH AFRICANS COLLAPSE

Fine Bowling Spell By Jim McConnon

Cardiff, May 31.

A remarkably fine bowling spell of 7.5 overs, two maidens, eleven runs and four wickets by Jim McConnon, Glamorgan's offspinner, caused a South African collapse today.

The South Africans plunged from 84 for no wickets to all out for 156.

Glamorgan were 73 for four in their second innings when the match, which was reduced to two days by rain, was drawn.

After the opening stand, it was a dreary procession of batsmen who fell victims to the wiles of McConnon, who spun the ball slowly but produced clever flight and change of pace. In 50 minutes after lunch, the South Africans lost their last six wickets for 26 runs.

McConnon, who recently toured Australia, without playing in a Test, finished with eight wickets for 49.

Paul Winslow scored only eight after lunch but earlier he had had a merry half hour and hit a six and five fours in his 39. Earlier, opening batsman Jackie McGlew batted two hours for 53 but hit a six and six fours. The South Africans collapsed after lunch and, losing their last six wickets for 26 runs in 50 minutes, were all out for 156. Glamorgan gained a first innings lead of 78.

The damage was done by Jim McConnon, who had an inspired spell with his right-arm offspinner, his figures being 7.5 overs, two maidens, eleven runs, four wickets.

THE SCOREBOARD

Glamorgan 1st Innings, 234
South Africans, 1st Innings
D. J. McGlew, b. Watkins 53
T. Goddard, lbw b. McConnon 26
McConnon 4
J. Waite, c. Watkins b. McConnon 4
McConnon 0
R. Endean, lbw b. Watkins 36
Winslow, b. McConnon 11
H. Keith, st. Davies b. McConnon 11
Cheetham, not out 12
Mansell, c. Woolley b. McConnon 0
McConnon 1
Presdee 1
Tayfield, c. Hedges b. McConnon 1
Adcock, b. McConnon 9
Extras 9

Total (all out) 156

Wickets fell at 1/84; 2/84; 3/84; 4/104; 5/139; 6/143; 7/146; 8/147; 9/150.

Bowling
O M R W
Shepherd 12 4 34 0
Woolley 11 4 20 0
McConnon 24.5 8 49 6
Presdee 13 5 27 2
Watkins 11 5 17 2

Glamorgan, 2nd Innings
Parkhouse, not out 29
Jones, b. Fuller 8
Presdee, b. Fuller 8
Ward, c. b. Adcock 4
Watkins, b. Fuller 20
Clift, not out 6
Extras 8

Total (for four wickets) 73

Wickets fell at 1/0; 2/14; 3/20 and 4/56.

Bowling
O M R W
Adcock 10 3 23 1
Fuller 14 6 27 3
Ward, c. b. Goddard 8 0 6 0
Goddard 2 0 0 0
Mansell 2 0 0 0

European Boxing Fifth Day Results

Berlin, May 31.

The afternoon session of the fifth day of the 1955 European Amateur Boxing Championships began with first round matches in the Featherweight Division.

The show took place before 3,000 spectators in the local "Sportplatz" indoors stadium.

The results were:
Featherweight: Hans Peter Mehlhorn of Germany knocked out Abdel Rabo of Egypt in the third round.

Alfred Zima of Austria won on points over Preschi of Italy. Horvath of Hungary won on points over Jaendreau of Rumania.

Light-heavyweight (quarter-finals):
Furuz of Italy won on points over Grzelak of Poland. Ulrich Nitzsokhs of East Germany won on points over Narasians of the Soviet Union. —United Press.

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 Hong Kong, 16th May, 1955.

Danger Of New Alliance Seen In Neutrality Proposals

By TOM WHITNEY
 Associated Press Staff Writer

It's frequently suggested that the chief aim of the Kremlin in Europe is to create a "neutrality belt" along the Soviet Bloc's western borders from the Arctic to the Adriatic.

This is an interesting suggestion and there are three developments which give this hypothesis its basis:

1. The Austrian "treaty" has just been completed and provides for the "neutralisation" of Austria.

2. Suggestions are being made by the Russians to the West Germans that if they will consent to "neutralisation" the Soviet Government will permit peaceful reunification of Germany.

3. The Kremlin sent its top men to Belgrade to talk to Yugoslav President Tito.

There are already four "neutralised" nations in between the hostile sides in the cold war: Finland, Sweden, Switzerland and Austria.

These four countries make up "neutral Europe" as it exists right now. Every other important country in Europe except only Elze is either firmly tied up by this time to the Soviet Union or else in one degree or another a member of the anti-Soviet camp.

However, in this picture the positions of Yugoslavia and West Germany have distinct peculiarities.

As the accompanying map shows, if Germany and Yugoslavia become neutral a cushion of neutral states would form running all the way from little Albania up.

If there were such a neutral belt then it would presumably be impossible for anyone to attack the Soviet Union or other Communist countries anywhere without violating someone's neutrality. Such a neutral belt then appears to give the Soviet Union security against attack or invasion in the west.

This, say some, is just what the Kremlin wants.

Another Look
 Let's take another look, however, at the situation of Yugoslavia and Germany.
 It would indeed be surprising if the sole aim of the Soviet government in the long term was "neutralisation" of Yugoslavia. While recently improving its relations with the West and finally concluding an alliance with Greece and Turkey, Tito has never condemned communism as such. Just as the Soviet Government, when it expelled him from the Cominform, professed the view that it was not Yugoslavia which was the enemy but only Tito and his henchmen, so Tito took the point of view that it was not he who was deviating from true Leninism and Communism but the leader-

ship of the Soviet Communist party.

Now Stalin is dead. He personally was the author of the break with Tito. Stalin's heirs have decided to try to mend the breach. The visit of Nikita Khrushchev and Premier Nikolai Bulganin to Belgrade is a public confession of Stalin's error. The Soviet leaders probably hope they can induce Tito to ally himself once more with the Soviet Union. Tito himself may well feel he can get more out of both sides by being independent than by allying himself with either camp. At the same time given the ancient regard of the Yugoslavs for the Russians there is certainly the long run possibility and perhaps even a shorter run chance that Yugoslavia may return to the Soviet camp.

Hoping For

This is something which the Russians are certainly hoping for. To interpret their visit to Yugoslavia solely in terms of "neutralisation" is clearly and obviously a distortion.

Similarly, it is necessary to examine critically Soviet policy towards Germany. The treaty with Austria and the developing big power top-level meeting has put the German question once more in the limelight.

The line the Russians are taking is the open suggestion to the West Germans that if they only will back out of NATO and consent to an arrangement whereby all foreign troops must leave Germany then the Soviet Union will facilitate the peaceful reunification of Germany by permitting genuine free elections in East Germany.

Superficially it would seem "neutralisation" of Germany offers sufficient attraction to the

Soviet Union to be the genuine Soviet aim in Germany.

It is when one looks beyond reunification and neutralisation that one gets more of a glimpse of what the Soviet Government is really aiming at, however. And this is something which has little in common with "neutralisation."

Let's suppose that by agreement there has been established a reunified and neutralised Germany. US troops have mostly returned to the United States, since there is no other place for them. British troops have returned to Britain. Communist troops stand on the German borders. Germany has no ties with the West and none with the Soviet bloc. Yet Germany's problems are not solved. After reunification of the present East

and West Germany there is the question of the return of the German territories now held by Poland and the Soviet Union. There is the question of markets for German goods. And there are other questions of German aspirations.

Well Knows

The Soviet Government well knows that to speak of neutralisation of a big, vigorous, powerful country like Germany over a long period is nonsense.

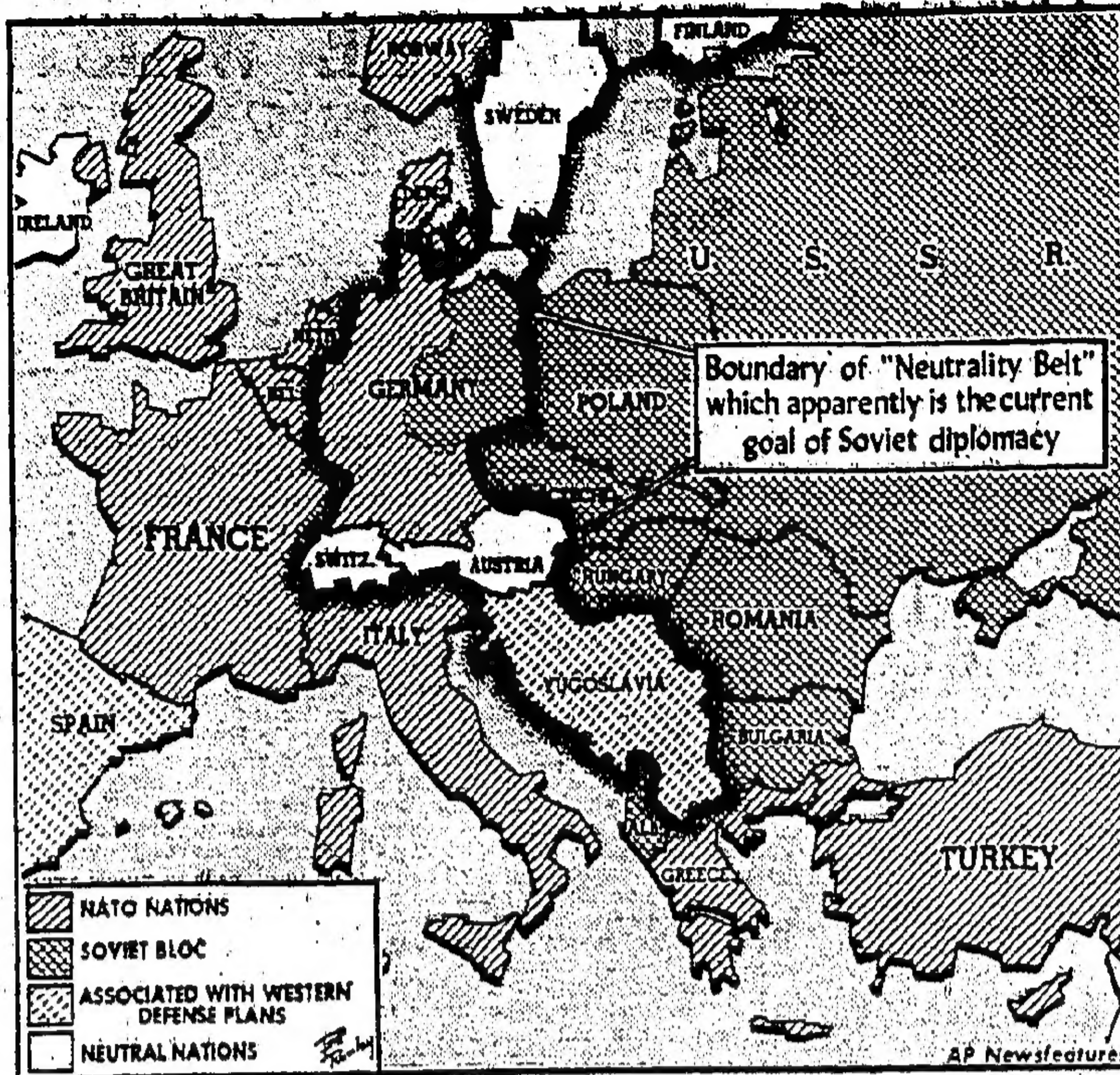
The Soviet Government also has always aimed at achieving an alliance with Germany because it knows that such an alliance can overwhelm all Europe.

Come a "neutralised" Reich and the Soviet government

knows that it will be able to offer that Reich a big price in return for alliance with the Soviet Union—the former German territories in Poland and the Soviet Union.

All this casts the most serious doubts on the idea that the Russians are really seeking in the long term any "neutral belt" across Europe. Perhaps they want such a thing temporarily but certainly they view it only as a stepping stone for subsequent expansion of communism.

And meanwhile the illusion that this is what they really want actually seems to suit their purposes. So they are likely to encourage it further.



HUGE URANIUM OUTPUT IN SOUTH AFRICA

Johannesburg, May 30.

New production plants now getting underway in South Africa may well make this country one of the biggest sources of uranium in the world within the next few years.

Uranium worth anything up to £100,000,000 sterling is likely to be recovered from 26 or more mines every year when South Africa's full production programme gets under way.

All of it for the next ten years or so goes under contract to Britain or the United States, which provided loan capital for most of the new uranium recovery plants.

Early estimates of South Africa's probable uranium output under the present programme ranged between gross values of £30,000,000 to £50,000,000 a year. Recent recoveries, however, disclosed by rising profits, have been so promising that leading authorities think that the country's uranium deposits may bring a gross return of up to £100,000,000 sterling in the next ten years.

REVISED FIGURES
 Revised figures have now led to the belief that South Africa probably owns the largest accessible uranium oxide deposits in the world, many of which it was quickly realised could be mined jointly with the nation's already fabulously lucrative £150,000,000-a-year gold production.

Joint mining for gold and uranium in the same ore has brought new life to South Africa's mining operations, because the extraction of both precious materials from the same underground reef often provides enough incentive to extend the life of mines or make one economic which would not be payable on one product alone.

Few concentrations of uranium in South Africa have so far been found in proportion high enough to justify mining for them exclusively. Production quantities are a state secret but it can be roughly calculated that uranium-oxide extractions in South Africa are measured only in ounces per ton of mined ore compared with pounds per ton in Canada.

Gold recovered from the same ore in South Africa is easily accessible areas with ready mining equipment and experienced labour laid on, marks up the difference.

South African mining interests have also had another stroke of luck: the association with gold and uranium of quantities of pyrite in the same reefs. These are the raw material for the production of sulphuric acid required in the uranium extraction process.

REFLECTION
 Increasing uranium production in South Africa is reflected in recent authoritative figures which showed that export values averaged well over £1,000,000 a month last year, or three times more than in 1953, the first year that uranium profits were published here.

More convincing proof of the uranium age in South Africa is the growth of uranium extraction plants as new outcrops to the great gold mining developments in the famous old Witwatersrand reef area around Johannesburg and the new post-war Eldorado of the country, the Orange Free State mines centred on the "boom town" of Welkom.

More than half of the 28 South African mines so far planned in the uranium programme were yielding uranium by the first quarter of this year, using huge new processing plants costing anything from £1,500,000 to nearly £4,000,000 each to erect.

Scientists of the South African Government's Atomic Energy Board, the controlling authority for the uranium programme, originally assayed more than half a million samples of gold-bearing ore for radioactivity. Uranium was found in small but significant quantities in nearly all gold-bearing reefs and was quickly recognised as a valuable by-product.

FIRST OPENED
 South Africa's former Prime Minister, Dr. Daniel Malan, opened the country's first uranium plant in October, 1952, nearly 30 years after the earliest identification of radioactive minerals in the Witwatersrand gold-bearing reefs.

South Africa's uranium resources have become known properly only since World War II, which excited intensive research in nuclear physics. Before that, the chief known deposits of uranium were in Czechoslovakia, Canada and the Belgian Congo.

Britain and American authorities first approached the South African Government concerning the possibility of extracting uranium from gold ore in 1945, following secret information offered by an American geologist, Professor G. W. Bain of Amherst College, Massachusetts, who had visited South Africa in 1941 studying ore samples.

Later, he and Dr. C. F. Davidson, chief geologist of the Atomic Energy Division of Britain's Geological Survey, completed a joint British-American survey which confirmed payable uranium in the gold ore.

The techniques for uranium recovery in South Africa were perfected through co-operative research between South Africa, Britain and the United States. Finally, in November 1950, the British and American Governments signed agreements with the South African Atomic Energy Board for large-scale uranium production.

In the joint gold-uranium mines, the gold is first extracted from the finely crushed ore brought up from reefs running thousands of feet below ground in the Transvaal and Orange Free State.

Residues from the gold-extraction process then pass to a uranium plant, where they are mixed with dilute sulphuric acid and filtered. Solutions obtained from this filtration are subjected to further processes discarding various substances and leaving a pure uranium solution. Uranium is precipitated from the solution as a bright yellow mud and is packed for export in the form of a dry, mustard-coloured powder—uranium oxide.

Official secrecy surrounds nearly every detail about South Africa's uranium, including potential reserves, output, price and even destination though it is assumed that the bulk of it under contract goes either to the United States or Britain.

In Britain or the United States, the powdered uranium oxide from South Africa is refined again before being used in atomic energy projects. It can be reduced to its metallic state to feed an atomic pile or turned into a gas, uranium hexafluoride, for use in the separation of isotopes, employed in advanced physical, biological and medical scientific studies—China Mail Special.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, May 31. Late demand for rails, pushing the group up a point on average, outweighed selling in aircraft today to give the market a firm tone. The rise lifted most carriers 1/2 point or so and boosted some issues a point or more.

Market commentators said there was some switching evident out of industrials, the recent pace-setters, into rails where the outlook is good and yields favourable.

Aircraft were the soft spots in industrials, with realising after their sharp rise last week paring a point or more from many issues. Boeing which announced a substantial planned employment cutback at its Wichita Division, fell almost 3 points. Douglas was down more than 3, United more than 2.

ALUMINIUM DEMAND
Aluminium stocks continued in demand. Kaiser slumped around 3 points at one time but recovered all but 1 1/2 points. Steels were steady.

Out of 1,171 issues traded, 467 were lower, 444 higher, industrials averaged 0.80 point lower; rails 1.03 points higher and utilities 0.22 point lower.

Trading was only moderate with turnover of 1,990,000 shares, 230,000 below Friday and highest in a week.

The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$3,540,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 630,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 Industrials	424.86
30 rails	159.87
15 utilities	68.58
20 stocks	126.93
40 bonds	99.72
Com. fut.	153.07

YESTERDAY'S PRICES

Alcoa Inc. Apy.	22 3/4
Allied Chemicals	11 1/2
Alk. Chalmers	73 3/4
American Airlines	27 1/2
American Cyanamide Co.	26 1/2
American Metal	23 1/2
American Smelting	48 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	18 1/2
American Tug. "B"	68 1/2
Armstrong Copper	63 1/2
Armstrong Steel	75
Armour	12 1/2
Baldwin-Lancaster	49 1/2
Benjamin & Co.	32
Boeing Aircraft Corp.	114
Borg-Warner	16 1/2
Boj. Airplane	68 1/2
Borden (The) Co.	61 1/2
Burrage	24 1/2
Canadian Pacific	34 1/2
Case (J. I.) Co.	68 1/2
C. I. Financial Corp.	45 1/2
Chase Nat. & Man.	45 1/2
Chrysler Motors	75 1/2
Colgate-Palmolive Co.	35 1/2
Commercial Credit	48 1/2
Commonwealth Elec.	42 1/2
Consolidated Edison	48 1/2
Continental Oil of Del.	36 1/2
Continental Steel	28 1/2
Corn Products	44 1/2
Crane Co.	44 1/2
Crown Zellerbach	70 1/2
Cuba Amer. Sugar	16 1/2
Curtis Wright	21 1/2
Dupont de Nemours	80 1/2
Eastman Kodak	84 1/2
El Paso National Gas	48 1/2
General Electric	51 1/2
General Motors	80 1/2
General S. & S.	30 1/2
Goodrich (B. F.) Co.	40 1/2
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Goodyear	40 1/2
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Int'l Business Machines	118 1/2
Int'l Harvester	27 1/2
International Nickel	108 1/2
International Paper	48 1/2
Int'l Tel. & Tel.	18 1/2
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Procter & Gamble Co.	91 1/2
Pittsburgh Plate Glass	72 1/2
Radio Corporation	16 1/2
Reo Motors	16 1/2
Republic Steel	82 1/2
Shell Oil Co.	52 1/2
Sinclair Oil	52 1/2
Socoy Vacuum	51 1/2
Southern Railway (Comm.)	36 1/2
Standard Brands	76 1/2
Standard Oil of Cal.	12 1/2
Standard Oil of Ind.	12 1/2
Standard Oil of N.J.	12 1/2
Stockley-Van Camp	17 1/2
Studebaker-Packard Corp.	17 1/2
Swift & Co.	51 1/2
Texas Co.	91 1/2
Union Carbide	91 1/2
Union Pacific Railway	108 1/2
United Aircraft	20 1/2
U.S. Cyanide	22 1/2
U.S. Lumber	22 1/2
U.S. Rubber	47 1/2
U.S. Smelting	47 1/2
U.S. Steel	82 1/2
Warner Bros.	19 1/2
Westinghouse	68 1/2
West Va. Pub. & Paper	45 1/2
Woolworth	47 1/2

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

Prices of metal futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:	
Lead	14.20
Tin	14.20
Zinc	14.20
Copper	14.20

CANADA CONCERNED OVER US POLICY

Government Budgets For Deficit NET DEBT REDUCED

Ottawa, May 31. Preoccupation with Canada's immediate and long-term economic future, combined with anxiety over the effect upon these of United States trading policies, marked the presentation of the 1955 budget to parliament in April.

The new Minister of Finance, Mr. Walter Harris, himself made an excursion into the realm of forecast in presenting his first budget. He is budgeting upon the anticipation of a rise in the rate of the gross national product from 24,000 million dollars in 1954 to 26,000 million dollars by the end of the present financial year, giving him 25,250 million dollars for this year as a whole.

Considering Canada's long-term future, Mr. Harris announced that a Royal Commission will be appointed to study the prospects of both foreign markets and internal resources. He made an exceptionally extended reference to trade relations with the United States, expressing both considered appreciation and considered concern.

"In helping countries to restore stability in the post-war years, to expand production and to increase their international trade," he said, "no nation has played a more constructive role than the United States. As every member of this House is aware, the success that has already been recorded, is largely due to generous and far-sighted American policies. In the past twelve months, however, while there was no basic change in American policies, there was a disappointing lack of progress towards actual reductions in trade barriers and there were discouraging signs of a revival of protectionist feeling in response to competitive conditions.

"I should remind the House that the United States administration has resisted proposals which, in our opinion, would not advance the cause of friendly and mutually advantageous trade. This resistance we welcome. On the other hand, it must be confessed that the resistance has not been uniformly successful.

"We all have our difficulties and it is not always possible to achieve ideal solutions. But it must be recognised that actions taken or even implied by the government of the United States may weaken support for liberal commercial policies and may impose upon those of us who are firm supporters of such policies a greater burden in defending them in our own countries.

"One country cannot attempt to get the maximum benefit at the cost of minimum adjustments without creating a desire in other countries to achieve the same result. There must be a reasonable give and take in any durable trade relationships, whether under the General Agreement for Tariffs and Trade or under any other system.

"It is of the utmost importance for the future of international economic co-operation that the United States should continue to give positive direction and leadership in reducing barriers to the free flow of world trade."

WHOLLY UNUSUAL
Among reasons behind this wholly unusual budget, speech reference are the following: American insistence upon the waiver clause in the Agreement permitting the United States agricultural support programme; United States restrictions on imports of oats, barley and rye through a quota system, continued restrictions against cheese and dried milk, and the threat of restriction of petroleum imports, whether by "voluntary" or by a statutory regulation.

Instances of the Washington Administration's resistance to pressure for restrictions include the case of fish stocks. It is also understood that the United States executive will not encourage renewed demands for higher tariffs against Canadian lead and zinc.

So far as Canada's immediate prospects are concerned, Mr. Harris noted with appreciation the current upturn in the United States after the recession beginning at the end of 1953. He recorded a Canadian budgetary deficit of 148,000,000 dollars for the financial year just ended.

Tea Won't Be Any Cheaper

London, May 31. The decision of the Indian Government to reduce by half the export duty on tea, will not have any effect on retail prices in Britain, leading buyers in London said today.

Mr. J. H. Pugh, an official of the tea news service, said "the auction price of tea is very low at the moment and this reduction in export duty will have no effect here. (The auction price fell from over 7s earlier this year to about 3s 6d per lb.)

A buyer said he thought the reduction had come as a result of pressure from producers. "So many companies in India are now rupee companies as distinct from sterling companies. They produce low quality tea generally speaking, and cannot stand the high rate of tax on their tea, which produces low profits," he added.

There are adequate stocks in Britain to meet present demand. Because of the Whitsun holiday no tea auctions will be held in London this week. — *France-Press.*

US-Japan Textile Agreement

New York, May 31. Women's Wear Daily reported today that the United States reached agreement with Japan and other governments at Geneva, Switzerland, calling for reduction in American duties on textiles, apparel, chemicals and other goods.

The agreement, the textile trade Daily reported in a Washington dispatch, will be signed on June 7.

"Details on what tariff cuts the United States has agreed to make for the benefit of Japan and other nations 'will not be disclosed for some time,' the Daily said.

"State Department officials refuse to discuss even the time when the trade agreement will be approved," it added.

Women's Wear said it had learned the news of the signing on "Capitol Hill" in Washington.

Meanwhile, there was no confirmation available that an agreement had been reached in Washington or in Geneva.

The US delegation in Geneva would not comment on the negotiations. Some sources in Washington, however, indicated they understood some progress had been made.

But there was no word that negotiations had actually been completed or that the agreement would be signed on June 7.

World Cotton Markets

New York, May 31. Cotton futures today resumed holiday-interrupted week with trading slow and prices still on the defensive.

Finishing on a reaction the list showed net losses of 10 to 20 points at the close. The market opened off 1 to 6 points. New Orleans closed off 10 to 16 points.

Following last week's pattern, business originated among professional traders. The speculative element continued to mark time pending a clearer view of the crop picture and Washington developments on farm legislation and the export subsidy question.

Spot interests sold July against purchase at New Orleans. Other spot firms sold July and December contracts. Around the 33.90 cents level for July trading buying was more noticeable.

Covering against export sales to Yugoslavia and expected sales to "Formosa" held to stabilize prices.

Trading volumes and open interest in the Exchange today were:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
July	12,800	488,500
Oct.	18,200	238,700
Dec.	18,200	238,700
Mar.	18,200	238,700
May	18,200	238,700
July	18,200	238,700
Total	82,000	2,204,000

NEW YORK
Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	July	Oct.	Dec.	Mar.	May	July
1955	34.50	34.50	34.50	34.50	34.50	34.50
1956	34.50	34.50	34.50	34.50	34.50	34.50

NEW ORLEANS
Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	July	Oct.	Dec.	Mar.	May	July
1955	34.50	34.50	34.50	34.50	34.50	34.50
1956	34.50	34.50	34.50	34.50	34.50	34.50

LIVERPOOL
Future closings in pence per lb. American middling, were as follows:

Month	July	Oct.	Dec.	Mar.	May	July
1955	31.25	31.25	31.25	31.25	31.25	31.25
1956	31.25	31.25	31.25	31.25	31.25	31.25

SAO PAULO
Future closings in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

Month	July	Oct.	Dec.	Mar.	May	July
1955	31.00	31.00	31.00	31.00	31.00	31.00
1956	31.00	31.00	31.00	31.00	31.00	31.00

LONDON STOCK MARKET
London, May 31. The big railroad strike brought heavy selling into the stock market today.

Some foreign demand for selected "blue chips" helped to cushion the over-all decline.

The market also was under pressure from speculators who decided to realize the profits made during Friday's sharp post-election rise.

Leading industrials were hammered down by steady stream of selling orders.

Lancashire cotton fell more than 2s and Unilever and Woolworth more than 1s each.

Demand from the United States, sent Ford up 3s and Rolls-Royce nearly 2s.

Oils apparently ran into some demand from the US too. Shell tacked on a gain of 8d and Royal Dutch closed unchanged despite heavy profit-taking.

British Government bonds were under pressure most of the day. War Loan fell 15s to pace the decline. Foreign bonds moved up sharply. German 10-year bonds added as much as 21s.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$1,083,373. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

Bank	1000	1000	15	1,000
Bank of China	1000	1000	15	1,000
Bank of Communications	1000	1000	15	1,000
Bank of India	1000	1000	15	1,000
Bank of Japan	1000	1000	15	1,000
Bank of Korea	1000	1000	15	1,000
Bank of London	1000	1000	15	1,000
Bank of Mexico	1000	1000	15	1,000
Bank of New York	1000	1000	15	1,000
Bank of Paris	1000	1000	15	1,000
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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

First Time Here

THE train from the North crept into the long, curving platform at Euston and came to a stop with a sigh of steam. It was late evening, and most passengers hurried out and away with a great air of knowing exactly what they were about.

One passenger, however, hesitated. He was a fair-haired young man, who carried a suitcase and wore a baffled expression.

He seemed as reluctant to leave the emptying platform as a child is to leave its mother's side for its first day at school.

His name was Robert, and he was on the threshold of a week's holiday, well earned, long planned, but now that it had actually started, a little alarming.

This was Robert's first visit to London. He felt very much a stranger and very much on his guard.

For he had read, and seen at the cinema and on TV, stories that made London, especially at night, seem a place where you had to tread carefully if you did not want to get mixed up with murder, dope, peddling, gang wars or mailbag robbery.

At last Robert picked up his courage and his bag, squared his shoulders, and marched towards the station's exit, to look for a room for the night.

HE got as far as Euston's great arch and there he paused—like a bather at the edge of a cold sea, or a traveler who has second thoughts about visiting a native quarter after dark.

For a moment or two Robert surveyed what he could see of London's native quarter—a bit of Euston Square, the Euston Road and the sinister darkness beyond that was Bloomsbury.

Then he picked up his bag and marched back into the station.

He found a seat in the Great Hall and decided to sit out the rest of the night there.

Then he must have dozed off. For the next thing he knew was that he was awakened by a touch on the shoulder.

HELP, HELP. "YOU travelling?" a voice demanded. Robert looked up, half-expecting to see a masked figure, gun in hand. Instead, he saw a policeman.

"Have you got a ticket?" the policeman asked. "I'd like to see it."

"I'm showing you nothing," Robert cried, almost jumping up as if he suspected a plot, he raced to a telephone-box and shut himself inside.

With one hand he tried to hold the door shut, and with the other to dial 999. "Hey, Scotland Yard," he cried into the receiver, "I'm having trouble with the Gestapo, help, help."

Perhaps in his excitement he had dialled only two nines, for no one answered.

Before he had the chance to try again, the policeman on the spot had summoned reinforcements, and Robert was pulled from the box.

Man Gets 2 Years On Wounding Charge

Pleading guilty to the alternative count of wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm, Yeung Tat-ming, 27, was sentenced to two years hard labour by Mr Justice A. D. Scholes in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Accused pleaded not guilty to the substantive charge of wounding with intent to murder Yuen Yau on October 30, 1953.

The plea of guilty to the alternative count, which was a reversal of accused's plea on arraignment, was accepted by Crown Counsel, Mr D. N. E. Rea who said that the Crown was not offering any evidence against accused on the first count.

Mr Rea said that accused had a previous conviction for common assault for which he was sentenced to one month hard labour on January 30, 1953. He produced a medical report that accused was unfit for corporal punishment.

In a strong plea of mitigation on behalf of the accused, Mr Lawrence Leung (instructed by Mr K. Y. Yung of Messrs F. Zimmerman and Company) said that this was a case first of all of attempted murder and the alternative charge was subsequently attempted to wound with intent to maim.

The evidence in the lower Court showed that accused had driven a car into a bicycle (ridden by Yuen Yau the complainant). It accused had intended to wound him at that particular time, his car could have run over the bicycle there and then, Counsel said. Again, if it was accused's intention to maim complainant—Counsel drew his Lordship's attention to the depositions in which among the tools listed in the car was a spanner as well as a jack—the spanner might have been the more convenient weapon.

His Lordship said that according to the depositions, accused had a jack in his hand.

THE REASON Mr Leung said that he was instructed to say that the reason why accused had the jack in his hand at the time of the commission of the offence was that he intended to use it to raise the front bumper of the car in order to release the bicycle which was pinned underneath the wheel of the car. Counsel produced a Court exhibit showing one of the wheels of the bicycle was tangled with the front bumper of the car.

There was also some evidence in the lower Court which had not been cross-examined on the effect that the accused had run away and hid himself from the Colony for about 10 months after the accident. Counsel submitted that that was certainly an act of a coward and that a coward was not usually the type of person who had any intent to kill or wound.

Counsel said his instructions were that there was extreme provocation, and that accused had restrained himself to retaliate when the complainant, before he was wounded, was lying on the ground.

It was not until complainant started to run away saying, Counsel was instructed, that he was going to fetch a chopper that the accused used the jack which was still in his hands, to strike him.

MOTHER TO SUPPORT Accused was 27 years of age and had lived in the Colony for 25 years. He has a mother to support, and although he had been convicted of common assault some two years back his employers—a local company in Kowloon—had retained his services, Counsel said.

It would be extreme hardship on the part of accused's mother and a setback to accused's own career if he were to serve a long sentence, Mr Leung pleaded.

Counsel said that accused was "manly" enough to come before the Court to plead guilty to the alternative count and he was throwing himself on his Lordship's mercy.

Accused had been in custody for four months and 21 days. Counsel added that the incident arose out of a family dispute which resulted in a civil action in the Supreme Court some time back. Any heavy sentence on the accused, Mr Leung submitted, might embitter him or embitter his family and probably would do more harm than good.

Sentencing accused, his Lordship said that this was a serious offence for which the maximum sentence was imprisonment for life.

It was lucky for the accused that he did not kill the complainant when he hit him on the head with the instrument.

His Lordship sentenced accused to two years' hard labour adding that he too into consideration the time he had been in custody.

Accused was formally discharged on the first count.

POLICE HELP FOR BAILIFF

At the request of the Bailiff of the Supreme Court, Police officers called out this morning to assist the Bailiff to execute a writ for the possession of the Sun Ah Godown, Kowloon City Road, Ma Tau Kok, Kowloon.

The Bailiff, who was accompanied by the solicitor for the plaintiff, Mr Chan Sul-ki, was refused admission to the premises when he called with the writ about 10.30 this morning.

At about 10.30 he was, therefore, instructed by the Registrar of the Supreme Court to seek Police aid.

A party of Police, some 50 in number, cordoned off the streets surrounding the godown—Kowloon City Road, Mok Cheung Street, Ma Tau Kok Road and Pau Chung Street—while another detachment drove up in lorries from which they scaled the main wall of the godown yard.

BARBED WIRE The Police had to cut barbed wire on top of the wall in order to get inside.

Entrance was effected in about two minutes and the door was then opened to the Bailiff.

The occupants of the godown have been told that they must leave but they are being given reasonable time to collect their personal possessions.

The issue of the writ was the outcome of a Supreme Court judgment, given on March 12 in favour of Mr Chan Sul-ki for possession of the property.

The solicitors for the plaintiff applied for the writ of execution for possession last week. Under the writ, the Bailiff of the Court was instructed to require the occupants of the property to give up possession to the plaintiff.

Footballer Of Year Weds



Yesterday at St Teresa's Church, Mr Tong Sheung, recently voted by the public in the China Mail popularity poll Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, married Miss Norma Gonsalves. Picture above by staff photographer shows the couple leaving the church after the ceremony, preceded by their attendant flower girl and page boy.

Radio Hongkong

8.15 Time Signal and Programme Summary; 8.25, Lucky Dip—Variety Requests presented by Jean (Studio); 9.00, "Then and Now" A Talk by Bernard Russell O.B.E. No. 2—Experiences of a Pacific in the First World War (BBCIS); 9.15, Wilson Wan at the Piano (Concert Hall); 9.30, "A Life of Bliss" Written by Geoffrey Harrison. Produced by Leslie Bridgmont (BBCIS); 9.50, Western Report; 10.00, Time Signal and the News (London Relay); 10.05, "Gypsy Nights" Esteban de Senilcar (Guitar); 10.15, Time Signal; 10.20, Concert by Arrigo Fox (Violin), S.M. Bard (2nd Violin), Ely Alves (Viola). (Concert Hall); 10.30, Wednesday Theatre, "An Ideal Husband" A Comedy by Oscar Wilde. Adapted for Broadcasting by Gilbert Travers Thomas (BBCIS); 10.55, Weather Report; 11.00, Time Signal; 11.15, Goodnight Music; God Save The Queen; 11.30, Close Down.

Two motor junk licences Cheung Chu, 34, and Chow Wan, 25, were fined \$50 each by Mr A. G. Parker at the Marine Court this morning for being underway without a certificated master on board.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Oh, I know I'm going to pass this year, Mom—my teacher said yesterday she couldn't take another year of me!"

Governor Visits Hospital

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander and Lady Grantham made a tour of the new maternity and gynaecology wing of the Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital, Bonham Road this morning.

His Excellency and Lady Grantham were met on arrival at the entrance of the Hospital by the Hon. Dr. K. C. Yeo, Director of Medical and Health Services; Mr D. L. Prophet, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Hospital; the Hon. Ngan Shing-yan, Deputy Chairman, and Dr. F. R. Ashton, Medical Superintendent of the Hospital.

The party was taken on a tour of inspection of the five-storeyed building by Dr Ashton, accompanied by Dr Yeo.

On the ground floor the party saw a number of doctors with their babies registering with the reception clerk. They then proceeded to the receiving wards where 30 to 40 patients were waiting for their treatment.

From there the party went down to the basement where a big and modern laundry is situated. There His Excellency and Lady Grantham saw the latest washing and drying machines in full swing.

SPACIOUS KITCHEN

Before going up to the first floor the party was shown the spacious kitchen where a meal was being prepared.

On the first floor, was the gynaecology ward, where Dr P. H. Lau who is in charge of the ward was introduced to the Governor and Lady Grantham. Dr Lau then showed the party around the general wards which were fully occupied.

From there the party proceeded to the maternity ward where Dr R. M. Alderton is the Medical Officer in charge. On this floor Sir Alexander and Lady Grantham were shown the semi-private wards, the operating room, and the babies' rooms.

In one of the babies' rooms Lady Grantham saw a pair of twin boys only two days old, in an incubator. The elder twin weighs three pounds 12 ounces, and the other five pounds two ounces.

The party concluded the tour by visiting the nurses' and doctors' quarters on the two upper floors.

US Cruiser And Sub Arrive

Two American warships, the 12,600-ton cruiser Los Angeles and the submarine Volador, entered port this morning on a recreational visit.

The Los Angeles (Capt. J. W. Watershouse) flew the flag of Rear-Admiral F. B. Warder, Commander of United States Cruiser Division 3. The Volador is under the command of Lieutenant Commander A. L. Battison.

Court Reserves Judgment

Further submissions by the Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, in which he dealt with the question of alleged contributory negligence on the part of plaintiffs and alleged negligence on the part of the defendants, were heard before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, acting Senior Puisne Judge, in the Supreme Court this morning, when the action for damages, brought by the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., against Wang Kee and Co., was continued.

The Court reserved judgment when Counsel ended his submissions.

Mr d'Almada charged that right from the start, it was clear that it was defendants' negligence in not towing away their six lighters from Kowloon Wharves that was "the sole effective cause of the collisions."

Continuing from yesterday on the issue of alleged contributory negligence on the part of plaintiffs, Mr d'Almada said: "In all the circumstances prevailing from 5 a.m. onwards on September 2, 1953, when the weather was distinctly worse, what is complained of is really an error of judgment on our (plaintiffs) part and not an act of negligence and therefore it cannot be said we were guilty of contributory negligence. There is certainly no evidence to satisfy your Lordship on this."

Counsel then passed on to the question of the alleged failure of the plaintiffs to remove all their lighters to Yau-mai typhoon shelter. He agreed that Mr J. Moodie (Deputy Manager of Kowloon Godowns) had admitted in reply to a question from the Court that the lighters should have been taken away.

"Here we have the question, not to have done so in the circumstances at the time, was that negligence or was it not? Your Lordship will recall the state of affairs that night and the fact that plaintiffs had been moving a number of lighters from different parts of the harbour to Yau-mai typhoon shelter, and that when No. 5 typhoon signal went up (at 2.30 a.m. on September 2) there were still a number of lighters in different places in the harbour requiring attention. There were lighters at Lai-chikok, where there was no lee from the wind, stream and also at the ICI depot, similarly without lee. Can it be said that in the exercise of their judgment, when plaintiffs decided that all outlying lighters should first be moved, that in so doing they were wrong? Because it is impossible to divorce one from the other. On that aspect you have the evidence of Capt Wood."

After citing the evidence given by Capt. Wood in this regard, Mr d'Almada commented on the charge by defendants that plaintiffs had the tug Kowloon doing nothing off Kowloon Wharves. He said that at the time when the Kowloon might have been used for towing away the lighters from the wharves, she was busy removing lighters from Lai-chikok to Yau-mai typhoon shelter.

Counsel submitted that plaintiffs were wrong in so employing the Kowloon, plaintiffs could not be said to be negligent in not using the Kowloon earlier in towing lighters away from the wharves. Even had Kowloon started on her job at Lai-chikok soon after the typhoon signal went up, instead of at 3.20 a.m., she would still not have been able to return to the vicinity of Kowloon Wharves until 5.45 a.m. by the earliest when the weather was already too bad.

Mr d'Almada said there could have been serious consequences to property and life if the lighters left in exposed positions were not taken to shelter.

Counsel also reminded the Court that plaintiffs tugs the Choi Cheuk and Oniew, both of lower power than either of defendants' tugs Glorify or Tawley, succeeded in towing lighters away from the wharves after the signal had gone up. This, said Counsel, was the best evidence of the ability of tugs to tow lighters away from the wharves up to 4.30 a.m. or 5 a.m. on September 2.

Contrasting that with the evidence given by the coxswains of Glorify and Tawley, and by Mr Lau, the pilot of long experience, Counsel said the contrast was so glaring that the Court should reject it as unworthy of credit.

"Plaintiffs' lighters were on their own property and, according to the evidence, they were in a reasonably safe position. There was no question of reckless disregard on the part of the plaintiffs in leaving them there."

leaving them where they were or as a matter of convenience in continuing loading to the ships berthed at the wharves when the weather conditions abated.

Right from the start it is clear that it was defendants' negligence in not towing away their six lighters that was the sole effective cause of the collisions," Counsel declared.

Dealing with the question of defendants' negligence and the improper abandonment of their lighters Dolley and Karley, Mr d'Almada submitted that no extra courage was called for on the part of the crew of these craft in remaining with their lighters.

Referring to a Royal Observatory signal chart, Counsel said that when the black ball (strong wind) signal went up, it meant that all safety precautions should be put in hand at once.

"We know from the evidence that defendants had only three lighters out that night, and six lighters at plaintiffs' wharves. We know also the defendants had three tugs available, one on duty and two at Yau-mai typhoon shelter. It is clear from the evidence that defendants' Hongkong office to their Kowloon office soon after No. 5 signal went up would have resulted in all three tugs arriving on the scene shortly after 3 a.m. With six lighters to tow and three tugs available, could it be said to be other than negligent to do no more than send the Glorify to the scene, as Mak Kai, the clerk from defendants' office, says he did?"

Counsel submitted that at least four of the lighters, if not more, could have been towed away before the wind and seas rose to such an extent as to make towing impossible.

SEA-SNAKE SEEN IN HARBOUR

A grey and black striped snake measuring seven feet long was sighted swimming in the sea, a quarter of a mile west of Green Island on Sunday morning.

A British resident in the Colony who saw it while out on a launch cruise told the China Mail today: "At first, I thought it was a piece of wood sticking out of the water."

"When the launch got closer I saw it was a poisonous sea snake with 2½-inch black bands around a greyish body."

"It was a vicious, beastly, horrid-looking thing—enough to put anyone off swimming for the rest of the season."

"It dived after we disturbed it."

Later this morning, an official of the Fisheries Research Unit said: "It sounds like the bigger variety of the two kinds of sea snake we get in Hongkong waters, the Hydrophis cyanocinctus which is very poisonous."

"But it is yellow with black stripes."

IF PROVOKED—Authorities on reptiles in Hongkong, like Mr J. D. Romer, have said that they "have never been known to attack bathers," while other experts say they have not often been seen very close to shore.

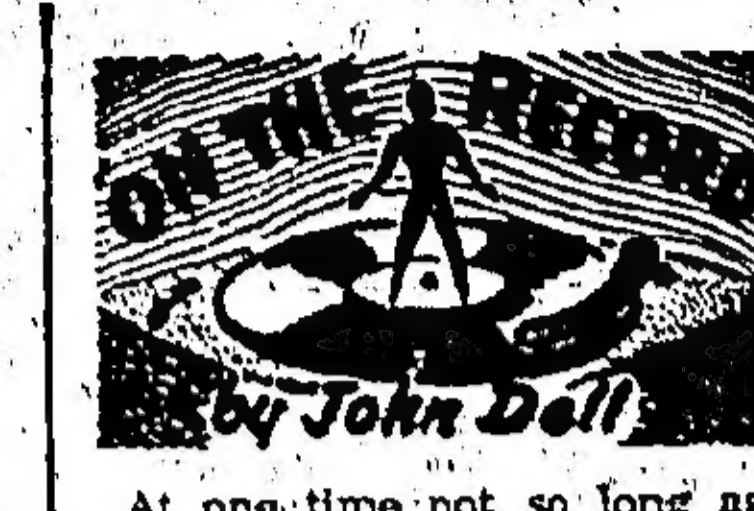
But they will bite, it is provoked. For example, when one researcher tried to force a sea snake's head down on a table with a ruler to examine it more closely, it snapped angrily at the ruler.

And its bite is fatal.

The snakes, caught in fishing nets at sea, have bitten and killed local fishermen who tried to take hold of them. And once a chicken died from the bite of this evil-looking specimen in eight minutes.

Their main diet, however, is fish of the smaller varieties. Their heads are not big enough to manage anything more substantial.

And the best advice, the experts can give to swimmers or launch picnickers, is "hardly worth the bother of 'steering.' "Don't try to handle them."



At one time not so long ago the idea of a British recording star being a big hit in America was as far removed from sanity as the idea of a British boxer ever being the heavyweight champion of the world.

There was always a fair number of American stars making their way across the Atlantic to appear at the London Palladium and other places, but no traffic the other way.

In recent months a lot of British recording and broadcasting artists have broken into the big money in the States, some by personal appearances and others through their discs.

Among them are such names as David Whitfield, David Hughes, Joan Regan, Lita Roza and Winifred Atwell. The sudden popularity of "Crazy Otto" recordings in America would seem to me to have been inspired by Winifred's "Other Piano" and there are about a dozen pianists who have turned out a "Crazy Otto" piano disc.

The name comes from a German entertainer who always, as he plays and he too will be visiting the States soon, but as any English 'pop' music fan will tell you Winifred Atwell started playing her 'pub' piano about five years ago. One of the best selling records in Britain recently has been her 'Let's Have a Party'.

To go back to the talent crossing the Atlantic, it may surprise some of you to learn that George Shearing, is British and, like Art Tatum, is quite blind. It is nice to know that in this field as well as in others of the entertainment world Britain can produce some good stuff.

ANYTHING GOES After the item a week or so back about 'big' lyrics, a friend of mine in the record business told me of some records he had received from someone who wanted to find a market locally. I heard one or two of them and I must confess that I wonder what sort of a fellow would ever expect to get them sold over the counters in Hongkong. They were not, of course, on any of the big labels and after hearing them I can imagine why. Brother, blue is not the word I only hope that our programme planners at the radio stations don't ever let one slip into the library. There would be more value blown during a broadcast of one of the songs than ever before. And please don't write and ask me where the records can be obtained because I don't know where they went to after all.

WHERE THEY ARE... "Two Hearts, Two Kisses." Other artists who have put this number on the record books are The Crew Cuts.

PATTI PAGE has recently signed a contract with the Columbia Pictures for TV. Sponsored by no less an organization than General Motors, and you can bet that Patti will be more valuable blown during a broadcast of one of the songs than ever before. And please don't write and ask me where the records can be obtained because I don't know where they went to after all.

FACE BEHIND THE VOICE



Johnnie Ray

At the age of 24, could play nursery rhymes on the piano, sang professionally for the first time at 25, first night, club job was a pianist. Tied the score to pieces and is currently engaged in an English girl. Latest Release: "Papa Loves Mamma."

RECORD REVIEW Last week's Patti Page LP was done an injustice. It is indeed a superb record and was a big hit. I said I thought it was, compiled from old master recordings. I heard it again on a Hi-Fi system and it has all the symptoms.

LES ELGART This was a record for a very good version of "Mr Sandman," backed with a cover number, "Lullaby." The latter refers to a lullaby getting in the door. Figure that out and if you have children, I assure you they'll like the song—Phillips B 2149.

THE PARAGUAYOS This is a LP 10" LP and is a departure from the usual South American record. The trio are three Paraguayan musicians, and sing who play two guitars and, oddly enough, a harp. The music is extremely pleasant to listen to and the lyrics are in Spanish and Guarani. The native language of Paraguay. The recording quality is crisp and clear and the disc is one to have if you collect unusual items of records. It is a gem. If you are fond of the music of South America—Phillips P. 10449 B.